

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1774

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NISCOM

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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Science Communication (NISCOM) contributing/contributed its two database to the consortium called Asian Health, Environment and Allied Data-base (AHEAD)

(b) if so, the royalties paid to NISCOM by AHEAD during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether CSIR/NISCOM propose to withdraw/already withdrawn from contributing data to AHEAD; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes sir, NISCOM contributed two of its data bases for the CD-Rom project of AHEAD.

(b) The royalties accrued over the period 1995 to 1998 were paid to NISCOM in one installment amounting to Rs. 2.67 lakhs in February, 2000.

(c&d): NISCOM has in 1999, withdrawn from the consortium AHEAD for CD-Rom project due to administrative reasons. Now no further activity relating to the project is being carried on at NISCOM.