

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AWARD FOR SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to institute a special award for scientists who develop technologies that would benefit rural areas;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to collect feedback from the villagers to ensure that the exercise was not a one time affair to use the technologies?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): The Government has been awarding scientists / institutions to recognize their contributions at the grassroot level for addressing rural needs. Under its scheme on 'National Award for Women's Development through Application of Science and Technology' started in 2000, scientists/institutions engaged in women development through application of science and technology are awarded annually. This award is given every year and carries a cash prize of Rs.1, 00,000/-, a memento and a citation. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has recently evolved a scheme titled 'CSIR Award for S&T Innovations for Rural Development (CAIRD)'. The scheme seeks to recognize and honor S&T innovation that has helped to transform the lives of rural people. The scheme includes an annual award consisting of a cash prize of Rs.10 lakhs, a citation and a plaque. The first award will be given in the year 2006-07.

(c) These awards are conferred on such scientists / institutions who have made outstanding contributions in research, design and development leading to sustainable interventions at the grassroot level.