

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

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CONCESSIONS TO WOMEN SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide special concessions for women scientists working in all research and academic institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to construct residential complexes and crèche facilities for them in the institutions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government had constituted a National Task Force for Women in Science. The report of this Task Force was released on 27th January, 2010. The recommendations of the Task Force are under consideration by the Department. The Department of Science and Technology has also constituted a Standing Committee to review the recommendations of the National Task Force and suggest special measures to ensure growth of women scientists in their professional career. The Task Force would also to periodically monitor implementation of the recommendations of the government for facilitating appointment, working and promotion of women scientists in Science and Technology organizations and other general recommendations in respect of working scientists.

(c) to (e): Based on the recommendations of the National Task Force for Women in Science, all Aided Institutions of the Department of Science and Technology have been asked to give proposals to establish a state-of-art crèche facility and to build women residential block in institutions having more than 20 women scientists.