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PLAGIARISM IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether plagiarism in scientific research is on the rise in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the preventive/punitive action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to stop this practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Stray incidences of plagiarism by Indian researchers in scientific research have been noticed. All R&D institutions have instituted mechanisms to take suitable preventive/punitive actions to stop this practice. Some punitive actions taken include suspension, demotion, denial of R&D project and withdrawal of fellowship. A well evolved methodology for monitoring R&D projects including a process of clearing research output for publication is put in place in R&D institutions as a preventive measure.