

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

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SC AND ST SCIENTISTS IN CSIR  
Dhurve Jyoti

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

- (a) the number of scientists belonging to SC/ST categories working at present in C.S.I.R. ;
- (b) the number of people out of them who are head of any Department / Division;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to chalk out any such scheme under which the people belonging to SC/ST categories may be given priority in the appointment to the post of Head of Department ; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Presently, 597 Scientists belonging to SC / ST categories are working in CSIR, out of which 45 are Heads of Department / Division.

(c)&(d) No Madam. But it needs to be mentioned here, that in addition to the above Scientists belonging to SC/ST category working in CSIR, a number of SC/ST Scientists including women have been appointed to "Outstanding Scientist" position as well as Directors of Institutes by virtue of their merit to lead and mentor scientific endeavors across CSIR system. This has been possible by CSIR's continuous effort in searching and nurturing talented Scientists and preferentially supporting Junior Research Fellowship for SC/ST candidates from very young age.