

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:464
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2011
INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS
Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

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

- (a) whether the Government is going to host 99th Indian Science Congress in January, 2012 in Orissa; and
(b) if so, the detailed preparation made so far in this regard and the objectives of hosting such Congress?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The 99th Indian Science Congress will be held from 3-7 January, 2012, at Bhubaneswar. The Congress is being organized by the Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, in association with the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) University, Bhubaneswar. Almost all major preparations for organising the Science Congress have been completed, for example (i) the Hon`ble Prime Minister has accepted to be the President Elect for the centenary year 2012-13 on invitation; (ii) liaison with the State Government of Orissa established; (iii) website www.isc2012.com has been hosted; (iv) Nobel Laureates have been invited; (v) Indian and foreign scientists for lectures and plenaries have been invited; (vi) selection of ISCA awardees and young scientist awardees is now complete; (vii) various industries and institutes have been invited to participate in science exhibition; etc. The Science Congress brings together scientists, science administrators, policy makers, children and youth and general public on a single platform to bring the importance of scientific enquiry and scientific research to the center stage of public awareness. It also promotes interaction among scientists from various disciplines and institutions within the country and abroad.