

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2369
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DENIAL OF NOBEL PRIZE TO INDIAN PHYSICIST
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work demonstrated by three Astronomers that `dark energy was propelling expansion of universe at ever increasing speed` who got Nobel Prize for 2011 was proposed before them by an Indian Physicist in 1998 itself;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for denying his claim for the Nobel Prize;
- (c) whether the Government has brought this to the notice of the Swedish Nobel Academy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the said Academy?

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) Although the Government does not have specific information, the Government has learnt from news reports that an Indian Physicist proposed a theoretical model before a model proposed by the Nobel laureates based on observational findings.
- (b) The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences decides the award of Nobel Prize and reasons for denial of a claim for award of the Prize to scientist/s are not known to the Government.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.