

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RAPID GRANT FOR YOUNG INVESTIGATOR SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme for the students of various States including Chhattisgarh aimed at providing first grant as chief researcher to young scientists and bring forward innovative ideas in the field of biotechnology under the Scheme for Rapid Grant for Young Investigator (RGYI) 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to launch any scheme soon under this in other States also including Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR Planning, Minister of State for SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d) No Sir, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India has not launched any scheme for the students of various States including Chhattisgarh aimed at providing first grant as chief researcher to young scientists and bring forward innovative ideas in the field of biotechnology under the Scheme for Rapid Grant for Young Investigator (RGYI) 2012. However, DBT is implementing the Rapid Grant for Young Investigators scheme since 2005-06 for the investigators below the age of 40 years to foster creative research in various fields of biotechnology (Medical, Agriculture, Animal Biotech, Environment and Industry etc.) and to enhance early career development of young investigators having permanent faculty position and holding Ph.D. degree. The Post Doctoral fellows can join as co-PIs and students can work as SRF/JRF in these projects. The projects under this scheme are implemented all over India on merit basis and no specific scheme has been launched for any state in particular including Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.