

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

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

- (a) the norms adopted by the Government for selection of scientists for awarding the Indian Scientist award;
- (b) whether any scientist has been awarded such award during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**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) The India Science Award, instituted by the Government of India, is the highest and most prestigious national recognition for outstanding contribution to Science. The norms adopted for selection of scientists for award include seeking nominations from the fellows of national academies of science, engineering, agriculture and medicine; selection of the awardee from the nominees by a Selection Committee consisting of eminent scientists from India and Nobel laureates from abroad. Demonstrated and widely accepted excellence in Science is the primary and essential criterion for selection of the award.

(b) & (c): During the last three years the India Science Award was conferred to Professor C.R. Rao for his significant contribution in the field of Statistical Science. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh, Gold Medal and a citation.