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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to hold the next Indian Science Congress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aims and objectives of such congress to help the poor people like Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and other minorities; and
- (d) the views and suggestions from each State stakeholder in this regard so far?

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 100th Session of the Indian Science Congress is going to be held from 3-7 January, 2013 at Calcutta University, Kolkata. This session would be organized by the Calcutta University. The focal theme for the 100th Session of the Indian Science Congress is 'Science for shaping the future of India.'

(c): The 100th Session of the Congress will focus on innovations of technologies for inclusive development so that the fruits of development reach every segment of society including the poor people belonging to SC/ST/OBC and other minorities. Science and Technology will be the most critical for realizing this goal. The Congress will discuss ways to promote innovation driven research and development of appropriate technologies to ensure that the diverse population with diverse needs that forms the fabric of India is richly benefited by Science and Technology.

(d): No views and suggestions have been received from any State in this regard.