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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated proactive policies to ensure, support and promote scientific awareness among the Aanganwadi workers, labourers and people of low income groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (c) : There is no specific scheme for promoting scientific awareness among such specified target groups but through a series of initiatives by different ministries and Government and other organizations, awareness of scientific and technological development and initiatives is being encouraged. For example, a list of initiatives of the Science and Technology Ministry is as follows:-

Science exhibitions: Science Express, Mobile planetariums, science exhibitions & technology demonstration.

Programmes for children: Children's science congress (CSC), Motivational programmes, lecture - cum - demonstration series; Nature Science Activity Camps.

Programmes for science teachers: National teacher's science congress (NTSC), Modules on Resource Teachers' Training, Detection of adulteration in foodstuffs; Management of solid waste through vermi composting

Vigyan jatha, Celebration of the National Science Day, Celebration of thematic events, years

Occupational health hazards for women workers;

Science writing & media practices: Short term training programmes, Long term courses in science communication; Post Graduate Courses in universities in mass communication and science journalism

Publications: Popular science magazines & Journals; Posters, wall Planners, Manuals,

Eco - Wash (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) Awareness & literacy'

Communicating health: Women & Child - Health & Nutrition - A Community Radio Initiative.