

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF INNOVATIVE RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has instituted an award for promoting the innovative research in the field of petrochemicals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the selection process for the award; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals has set up a Scheme of National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemicals and downstream Plastic Processing Industry to incentivize meritorious innovations and inventions in the field of polymeric materials, products, processes and other related areas of national and social importance. The Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) has been designated as the nodal agency for the scheme. Applications/nominations are invited by wide publicity, through advertisements in major newspapers and posting on the website. The entry applications for awards are screened and evaluated by the Expert Committee consisting of the members nominated by the Department and headed by the Directors General, CIPET. Evaluations of the Expert Committee are placed before the Prize Award Committee, which then submits its recommendations on awardees for final approval of Secretary (C&PC).

(c) An outlay of Rs. 63.00 lakh has been allocated to the scheme for the year 2012-13.