

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

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FELLOWSHIP FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to integrate scientific and technological institutions with the industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to give incentives to academic institutions to involve private sector into core scientific research;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is also considering to give more fellowships for scientific research on the lines of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTR OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Towards integration of scientific and technological institutions with the industry, the Government provides weighted tax deduction @200% for Sponsored Research Programmes of industry in approved national laboratories, universities and IITs under Section 35(2AA) of I.T. Act.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d)&(e) Department of Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has recently announced a Prime Minister's Fellowship Scheme for Doctoral Research wherein Government and sponsoring industry will offer matching amounts for 100 fellowships every year to registered PhD fellows in any recognized university, institution or research laboratory for pursuing scientific research on industry – relevant topics. No other fellowship on these lines is planned at the moment.