

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

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S & T POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to institute a nation-wide consultation process with a view to developing the first publicly accessible `Science and Technology Policy`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this consultation process is likely to be called `Vision S&T 2020` and articulate the road ahead towards self reliance and technological independence in the 21st century;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the initiatives taken by the Government to increase investment into core scientific and technological research in the coming years?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) to (d): Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, 2013 has been prepared through a national consultation process and is in place for public access. Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous organization under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has undertaken a nation-wide long term Technology Forecast exercise termed "Technology Vision 2035" with the objective of capturing possible technology horizons in next 20 years.
- (e) The government has taken several initiatives to increase core scientific and technological research by setting up new institutional mechanisms including private sectors engagement into Research and Development (R&D).