

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

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INSPIRE AWARD TO STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a provision to give Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) award to talented students of various States including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the number of such scholarships given in various States including Rajasthan during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether applications for INSPIRE award from various States including Rajasthan for the year 2014-15 have been received; and
- (d) if so, the number of applications received during the current year and the time by which amount under INSPIRE is likely to be released, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. Under the INSPIRE Award Scheme, there is a provision to give an award of Rs. 5000/- to students studying in classes 6th to 10th for preparing a science project/model. The number of such awards given to various States/UTs, including Rajasthan, during the last three years is enclosed (Annexure-I).
- (c) & (d): Yes Madam. Nominations for INSPIRE Awards are received by the Department from States/UTs online all the year round and are processed by the Department from time to time for sanction. The State/UT wise details of nominations received during 2014-15, are enclosed (Annexure-II).