

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:306

ANSWERED ON:18.03.2015

DEVELOPMENT OF S T

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

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes under implementation for the promotion and development of science and technology along with the funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for assistance under these schemes/programmes during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposals approved, rejected and held in abeyance during the above period, State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.306 FOR 18/03/2015 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF S&T

(a) Details of schemes/programmes/projects for the promotion and development of Science and Technology (S&T) implemented by the Ministry of Science and Technology are given below:-

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is implementing schemes such as Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE), R&D support through Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Young Scientist Support, Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions (FIST), Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE), State S&T Programme (SSTP), Nano Science & Technology Mission, Water Technology Initiative (WTI), Solar Energy Research Initiative (SERI), Patent Facilitation Cell (PFC) Programme, S&T Entrepreneurship Development, S&T Communication & Popularization, Science & Society Programme, Technology System Development Programme (TSDP), Instrumentation Development Programme (IDP) etc.

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is implementing schemes such as Human Resource Development, Programme for Promotion of Excellence and Innovation, Biotech Facilities, Research & Development, Grand Challenge Programmes and Biotechnology Clusters Programmes.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) is implementing schemes such as Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups & SMEs (PRISM), Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research & Technology Development (PACE), Building Industrial R&D Promotion Programme (BIRD), Access to Knowledge for Technology Development & Dissemination (A2K+) and National Laboratories Scheme of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Ministry of Science and Technology does not implement any centrally sponsored scheme, hence state-wise budget allocations are not made. Scheme-wise plan funds allocated and utilized for Research and Development in various fields by the Departments of the Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years and the current year are placed at Annexure-I. The plan funds allocated for Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14) and the current year (2014-15) are Rs.5432.00, Rs.5030.00, Rs.5145.00 and Rs.5495.00 crores respectively. The amount of funds utilized in each of the last three years is Rs.5178.16 crores, Rs.4951.00 crores and Rs.5099.75 crores respectively. In 2014-15, Rs.5111.67 crores has been utilized till February, 2015.

(b) to (d): No Madam, The Ministry of Science and Technology does not implement any Centrally Sponsored Schemes through State Governments nor has any provision for making state-wise allocations. However, under Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scheme, a sub-component viz. INSPIRE Award is implemented in association with State/UT Governments. INSPIRE Award are given to students from class 6-10. State-wise details of funds sanctioned and released during last three years and current year are placed at Annexure-II. Proposals pending for INSPIRE Award from States/UTs are shown at Annexure-III. Pending

proposals for INSPIRE Award will be cleared during current financial year and next financial year.