

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

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PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCH SCHOLARS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started/proposes to start any new programme for young scientists and research scholars in cooperation with any other country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the funds earmarked by the Government for efficient functioning of the said programme;
- (d) whether any kind of agreement has been signed with any country under the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology has initiated 'S.N. Bose Scholars Program' for supporting student internship between premier institutions in India and the United States. Since inception Indian students numbering 41, 44 and 56 have been selected in 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively. SERB has also approved two new programmes namely, the Overseas Doctoral Fellowship and Overseas Post-doctoral Fellowship for Indian student researchers in science and technology. These programmes are aimed to nurture talent and create trained S&T professionals in select areas required for the country through outward fellowship in chosen overseas institutions. Both these Programmes will start from the current financial year.

(c) An amount of Rs. 22.30 crore has been earmarked by SERB in 2015-16 for implementation of these Programmes.

(d) & (e): SERB has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cambridge University, UK and University of British Columbia, Canada under the Overseas Doctoral Programme.