## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6497 ANSWERED ON:06.05.2015 BIG DATA INITIATIVE Mahajan Smt. Poonam

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

- (a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has initiated the Big Data Initiative (BDI) programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the broad contours of the programme and funds allocated for the programme; and
- (c) the details of research and development projects sanctioned for the Big Data Initiative since its inception, yearwise?

## **Answer**

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) & (c): The Department of Science and Technology (DST) initiated Big Data Initiatives (BDI) as an activity in April, 2014. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared and EFC/SFC approval process initiated. Broad contours of the programme are-
- I. To foster and promote Data Science, Technology, Research and Applications in the country.
- II. To develop core generic algorithms, technologies and tools for wider applications in Central Govt, State Govts, Planning and Policy Making bodies.
- Ill. To understand the present status of the industry in terms of market size, different players providing services across sectors / functions, opportunities, Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of industry, policy framework (if any), present skill levels available etc.
- IV. To carry out market landscape assessment to arrive at the future job opportunities and accordingly plan for enhancement of skill levels.
- V. To evolve a strategic Road Map and Micro level action plan for entrepreneurship development, start-ups etc in Big Data Analytics.

During the financial year 2014-15, no funds were allocated for the Big Data Initiation activity.