GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:142 ANSWERED ON:09.07.2014 DEVELOPMENT OF S & T Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any steps for the appropriate development of science and technology in various States of the country including Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the said work by the Union Government during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise; and
- (c) the details of organisations related to science and technology functioning in the country. State-wise including Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS;(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) Yes Madam, though the Ministry of Science and Technology does not make state-wise budget allocation, several steps have been taken by the Ministry for appropriate development of science and technology in all the states/UTs including the state of Kerala. This include support to the research and development labs and institutions, support to scientists and researchers for investigator centric research proposals, strengthening Science & Technology (S&T) Infrastructure in Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning through Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST), promoting S&T entrepreneurship and innovation, technology development and demonstration, empowering women and weaker sections of the society through science. To attract the young students to make career in science, a programme on Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) was mounted by the Ministry of Science and Technology. More than one million children have already benefited in the country. Under this programme 9909 children from Kerala got INSPIRE awards during the last three years.
- (b) The table below gives details of funds provided by the Ministry of Science and Technology for the above work in the last three years and the current year:

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Rs. In Crores
Organization 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 Total
interim
budget
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
Ministry of Scienece & 4342.55 4470.34 4716.86 3267.71 16797.46
Technology (including (213.40) (187.14) (200.54) (85.70) (686.78)
DST,DBT and DSIR)
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Figures in bracket show the funds invested in the State of Kerala

(c) As per the latest available official statistics, there are 4288 organizations related to science & technology that are functioning in the country for carrying out the research and development work. Out of these, 141 organizations are in Kerala. The State wise details are as under:

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State/UT Total State /UT Total State /UT Total Andaman & Nicobar 5 Jammu & Kashmir 39 Punjab 74 Andhra Pradesh 393 Jharkhand 31 Rajasthan 114 Arunachal Pradesh 7 Karnataka 404 Sikkim 4 Assam 51 Kerala 141 Tamil Nadu 436 Bihar 51 Lakshadweep 0 Tripura 5 Chandigarh 26 Madhya Pradesh 102 Uttar Pradesh 223
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Chattisgarh 13 Maharashtra 846 Uttarakhand 75
Dadraa Nagar Havelli 2 Manipur 5 West Bengal 243
Delhi 297 Meghalaya 11 Total 4288
Goa 20 Mizoram 2
Gujarat 375 Nagaland 4
Haryana 147 Orissa 66
Himachal Pradesh 60 Puducherry 16

Source : Directory of R&D Instituion'2010 published by National Science & Technology Management Information System Division of DST.