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SATYAM

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new programme called SATYAM (Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation);
- (b) if so, the details of the programme along with fund allocation for the same;
- (c) whether the Government has identified research institutes and universities for the said programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of other steps taken by the Government promote scientific research in yoga and meditation?

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) Yes, Madam.

(b) In the year 2015-16, Department of Science & Technology (DST) launched SATYAM (Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation) under its existing programme of Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) primarily to rejuvenate quality research in yoga & meditation for scientific validation of these traditional practices in order to harness their benefits for welfare of society. There is no separate budget allocation for SATYAM programme during FY-2015-16.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Department of Science & Technology under its new initiative- Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) invited proposals for conducting quality research in the related fields through a call in second half of year 2015. After initial screening of the 578 proposals received by DST, a group of experts, in a meeting held at Indian National Academy of Sciences (INSA), New Delhi on 21-22 December 2015, found 98 suitable for further scrutiny. A Task Force was constituted by DST for the purpose and comprised of eminent experts from the related domains. The 1st meeting of Task Force on SATYAM, under the Chairmanship of Dr Subrata Sinha, Director, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar, was held at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore during 24-26 February 2016 wherein Principal Investigators of shortlisted proposals were called for presentation.
