

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

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ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH  
Chauhan Shri Devusinh Jesingbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said academy will be set up; and
- (c) whether the academy has the authority to award degrees and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (Dr. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) Yes Madam. The Academy of Scientific and innovative Research (AcSIR) has been set up by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- (b) The AcSIR has been set up through an Act of Parliament named the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research Act, 2011. This has come into force w.e.f. 3rd April, 2012.
- (c) The AcSIR is an institution of national importance. It imparts instructions and awards degrees in frontier areas of cross and trans-disciplinary Science and Technology. Since its initiation, over 2503 courses have been formulated by the AcSIR. Student enrolment under different courses since 2011, include: 2667 for Ph.D. in science; 418 for Ph.D. in Engineering; 484 in Integrated M.Tech. - Ph.D. programme; 24 in Integrated M.Sc. - Ph.D. programme; and 10 in Advanced Diploma. Of these, 312 M.Tech. (Engg.) students and 66 Ph.D. students have been awarded degrees until date.