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Title: Regarding identifying the talented people for scientific research and encourage research work.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Hon. Speaker Madam, in our country, the research scholars are very less among the working people compared to other countries. If we compare it with the other countries, India has four researchers for 10000 working people. Even Kenya and Chile which are smaller than our country have six and seven researchers respectively. India's publications generate very less on an average than other science focused nations.

Our country has very less scientists because Indian born researchers go abroad for better prospects and a very few foreign scientists settle in India. In our country, there are only two lakh full time researchers with 14 per cent of them being women. The problem is that a lot of talented people who has interest in science are doing their engineering and then jumping to study management courses. The Government should come forward to attract and retain talented young people as scientific researchers. In India, the problem was of infrastructure. We have built good infrastructure but there is an overall lack of environment for good research. ISRO, IISc and IITs are doing very well but this is pushing researchers to go out of India to other nations for better prospects.

Madam, as per the latest statistics, our country is registering very less number of applications. The research institutes are still lagging behind other nations. A domestic and foreign patent filed per one million population in India is at 17 compared to 4451 in South Korea and 3716 in Japan.

Madam, I request the Government should identify the talented research scientific people so that we reach the target compared to other nations in the world.