

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.295
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/12/2018**

ENCOURAGING YOUNG SCIENTISTS

†295. **SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running any programme to keep young scientists connected with scientific activities during their studies or after completion of their studies to encourage them;
- (b) if so, the time by which the Government is considering to implement this scheme; and
- (c) if not, the future plan of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) & (b): The Government has instituted several schemes/programmes to keep young scientists connected with scientific activities during their studies and also after completion of their studies. The schemes are designed to encourage them to study and facilitate to take up research as a career and identify promising young researchers with innovative ideas and provide them with training and research opportunities in niche areas of science and engineering. Children Science Congress, Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE), The INSPIRE Award - MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge), Internship Programmes like S.N Bose Scholars, Khorana Scholars etc. are some of the activities / schemes of the Ministry which are aimed to connect the youngsters with science during their studies. The Ministry is also running several postdoctoral level research schemes for young scientists after completion of their studies through fellowships and extramural research projects to nurture their scientific talent for taking up challenging research problems for the benefit of the country.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.
