

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1293
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/6/2019**

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1293. SHRI H. VASANTHA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that well-qualified women get left out of the Science and Technology activities due to various circumstances; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to address such issues?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री; और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 'Women Scientist Scheme' of Department of Science and Technology, provides career opportunities which includes fellowship to unemployed women scientists and technologists, especially those who had a break in career, for pursuing research in frontier areas of Science and Engineering. There are three major components of Women Scientist Scheme namely, i) Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A) for conducting research in Basic & Applied Sciences, ii) Women Scientists Scheme-B (WOS-B) for S&T interventions for Societal Benefit and iii) Women Scientists Scheme-C (WOS-C) that enables them to become Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) professional. In WOS-A and WOS-B, the age limit is 27-57 years and fellowship amount for M.Sc, M.Phil/M.Tech and Ph.D categories is Rs.30,000/-, Rs.40,000/- and Rs.55,000/- per month respectively. The total project cost, for 3 years duration of these three categories, is Rs.20 lakhs, Rs.25 lakhs and Rs.30 lakhs respectively. However in WOS-C, women scientists of age group 27-45 years are eligible to apply. The fellowship in WOS-C for M.Sc, M.Phil/M.Tech and Ph.D categories is Rs.20,000/-, Rs.25,000/- and Rs.30,000/- per month respectively. In addition to this, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is also implementing 'Biotechnology Career Advancement and Re-orientation Programme (BioCARE)' with aim to provide opportunity to Women Scientists to carry out research in field of Biotechnology. BioCARE programme also considers women scientists having career break.
