

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2020

USE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- (a) the details of regions/areas identified for the use of Science and Technology for National development, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has given special package to such regions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

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
(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Science & Technology has not identified any regions/areas to provide special package State/UT-wise including to the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The Ministry, however, supports R&D projects to investigators and institutions related to development of Science & Technology, including fundamental research through competitive grant mechanism in all the States/UTs including in the State of Uttar Pradesh. These includes, inter-alia :

- Support to the research and development labs and institutions, support to Scientists and Researchers for investigators centric research proposal,
- Strengthening Science & Technology (S&T) infrastructure in Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning through Fund of Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST),
- Support for Establishment of R&D laboratory & Institutions,
- Promoting S&T Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Technology Business incubators,
- Technology Development and Demonstration,
- Empowering women and weaker sections of the society through science,
- Core support to State S&T Councils for development of S&T ecosystem in the country and addressing S&T challenges,

In addition, Ministry in coordination with the State Governments, including the Government of Uttar Pradesh, has been implementing a programme on INSPIRE award MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) under its flagship programme Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) to attract young students to make career in Science, in which more than one million children have been benefited in the country,

These schemes are directly and indirectly helping in national development
