

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3487
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/3/2018

PROGRESS OF SATYAM SCHEME

3487. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the funds allocated under Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the progress and achievements made since the inception of the programme;
- (c) whether Government has identified research institutes and universities for the said programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has invited research proposals from Scientists and academicians under SATYAM for the year 2017-18; and
- (e) if so, the number of such proposals received along with basic theme of SATYAM?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Sir, the funds for 'Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM)' are allocated from the Research & Development (R&D) Support budget head of Department of Science and Technology (DST) and as such there is no separate budget allocation for SATYAM programme.
- (b) The SATYAM Programme was started in the year 2015 and since then three Calls for Proposals have been made (once in a year) to invite research proposals under SATYAM. Since its inception, DST has received 1050 proposals under SATYAM and about 60 projects have been recommended for budgetary support. These projects are at various stages of implementation as the duration of such projects is usually three years.
- (c) Department of Science and Technology invites proposals under SATYAM on open Call for Proposals basis and researchers/academicians from across the country can submit their project proposals. As such, specific research institutes and universities are not required to be identified for SATYAM programme.
- (d) & (e): DST had invited proposals under SATYAM for the year 2017-18 during month of October 2017 and received 213 research proposals from Scientists and academicians. The basic themes of SATYAM include investigations on the effect of Yoga and Meditation on physical and mental health and well being and investigations on the effect of Yoga and Meditation on the body, brain and mind in terms of basic processes and mechanisms.
