# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### **RAJYA SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO. \* 90 ANSWERED ON 09/02/2023

### VIGYAN JYOTI PROGRAMME

#### \* 90. # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vigyan Jyoti programme has been introduced to motivate female students to pursue the study of Science, Technology and Engineering subjects;
- (b) if so, the number of districts in the country where the said programme has been introduced; and
- (c) whether any district of Gujarat has been selected under this programme and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

## STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*90 FOR ANSWER ON 09.02.2023

- (a) Yes Sir. The Vigyan Jyoti Programme is started by the Department of Science and Technology in the year 2019-20 with aim to encourage meritorious girls to pursue higher education and career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) especially in the areas where women are underrepresented.
- (b) The Vigyan Jyoti Programme is introduced in 200 districts of 34 States/UTs.
- (c) Yes, the Vigyan Jyoti Programme is in implementation in ten (10) districts of Gujarat. The selected districts are, Gandhinagar, Bhavnagar, Vadodara, Tapi, Jamnagar, Kutch, Mehsana, Porbandar, Rajkot, and Surendranagar.

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