

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3974**  
ANSWERED ON 06/04/2023

**BENEFICIARIES UNDER KIRAN SCHEME**

3974. DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) the number of female beneficiaries under the KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement for Nurturing) scheme, State-wise, during the year 2022-23;
- (b) the funds allocated for the Scheme in the current financial year;
- (c) whether newer avenues of science, such as culinary science, would be covered under the Scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement for Nurturing) scheme is now known as Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN). The number of female beneficiaries, State-wise under WISE-KIRAN Scheme during the year 2022-23 is mentioned below:

<b>State/UTs</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>
Andaman and Nicobar	100
Andhra Pradesh	696
Arunachal Pradesh	276
Assam	938
Bihar	672
Chandigarh	105
Chhattisgarh	780
Dadar, Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu	200
Delhi	227
Goa	98
Gujarat	805

Haryana	589
Himachal Pradesh	734
Jammu and Kashmir	390
Jharkhand	645
Karnataka	901
Kerala	705
Ladakh	88
Madhya Pradesh	981
Maharashtra	1055
Manipur	274
Meghalaya	223
Mizoram	45
Nagaland	54
Odisha	781
Puducherry	400
Punjab	694
Rajasthan	969
Sikkim	200
Tamil Nadu	15
Telangana	504
Tripura	213
Uttarakhand	671
Uttar Pradesh	1299
West Bengal	954
<b>Total</b>	<b>18281</b>

(b) The funds allocated for WISE-KIRAN Scheme in current financial year are Rs. 81 Crores.

(c) & (d) The newer avenues and thematic areas such as Health, food and Nutrition, Energy, Water, Waste management, Environment, Climate, etc. are being covered under WISE-KIRAN Scheme. However, culinary science is not included among them as it is not a pure science.

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