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KVPY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the salient features and objectives of launching 'Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY)';
- (b) the eligibility for KVPY Fellowship Programme;
- (c) the number of applications received and youths benefited under KVPY in Karnataka and other States during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has achieved the objectives set for 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) The "Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana" (KVPY) program was incepted in 1999 by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and implemented by IISc, Bengaluru with an aim to identify students with talent and aptitude for research; help them to realize their academic potentials, encourage them to take up research careers in science and ensure the growth of best scientific minds for research and development in the country. KVPY Fellows are offered a fellowship for a maximum period of five years at any educational institution in India, provided they pursue a graduation/post-graduation course in Basic Science areas.

(b) KVPY program has been subsumed in the Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) Component of Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) with expansion of the scope for these aspirants to avail 12000 scholarship(s)/year for pursuing Under-Graduation (UG) and Post-Graduation (PG) in basic and natural sciences based on the INSPIRE-SHE eligibility criteria. Scholarship is provided to the students who are in top 1% of Class 12th Board examinations or on national level competitive basis to pursue B.Sc. and M.Sc. courses in Basic and Natural Sciences.

(c) The number of applications received during 2019, 2020 and 2021 year(s) are 202283, 156430 and 143000, respectively and youth benefited under KVPY in Karnataka and other States during the last three years, State-wise is annexed.

(d) Yes Sir, Government has achieved the objectives for which the said KVPY yojana was launched. In 1999, when KVPY yojana was initiated, no other scheme with similar scope and scale existed to support meritorious students. In 2009, Department of Science and Technology launched Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scheme. Mandate of both KVPY and INSPIRE-Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) component is similar. Over a period of time, INSPIRE scheme has evolved and stabilized, and successfully supporting much larger number of meritorious students. Therefore, in the interest of students, KVPY has been subsumed with INSPIRE-SHE component and all the interested students can avail the scholarship based on the INSPIRE-SHE eligibility criteria to pursue UG and PG in basic and natural sciences in any academic institution across the country.

ANNEXURE

State/UTs-wise Distribution of Beneficiaries under KVPY during the last three years

S. No.	State	No. of Beneficiaries		
		2019-2020	2020-21	2021-2022
1	Andhra Pradesh	105	100	135
2	Assam	6	10	27
3	Bihar	41	59	47
4	Chandigarh	54	10	12
5	Chhattisgarh	17	31	24
6	Delhi	218	200	244
7	Goa	7	6	7
8	Gujarat	147	154	197
9	Haryana	114	194	144
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1	4	5
11	Jharkhand	37	56	48
12	Karnataka	271	234	253
13	Kerala	96	78	71
14	Madhya Pradesh	70	81	83
15	Maharashtra	358	397	378
16	Odisha	66	85	89
17	Puducherry	5	5	2
18	Punjab	83	155	154
19	Rajasthan	377	274	313
20	Tamil Nadu	136	150	189
21	Telangana	217	180	199
22	Tripura	10	9	14
23	Uttar Pradesh	211	228	194
24	Uttarakhand	13	26	16
25	West Bengal	242	238	229
26	Other	2	0	0
	Grand Total	2904	2964	3074
