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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 929

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**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT OF WOMEN EMPLOYED
IN-HOUSE R&D ESTABLISHMENTS**

929. SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

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

- (a) the full-time equivalent of women employed in-house R&D establishments, as on date, including MSMEs; and
- (b) the number of women scientist beneficiaries of DISHA-BRF in the last five years along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per latest available R&D statistics, 2019-20, a total of 1,04,311 full time equivalent of women are employed in R&D establishment including MSMEs.

(b) In the year 2012, the name 'DISHA-BRF' was proposed as new name for Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A) which is one of the flagships programme of the Department of Science and Technology but proposed name was not accepted and earlier name WOS-A is still in continuation. The Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A) provides opportunity to women who had break in their scientific career to carry out research in basic and applied sciences. The age limit to apply in WOS-A is 27-57 years and support is available in five subject areas of Science & Technology (S&T) for maximum 3 years. In last five years, 1117 women scientists have been benefitted under WOS-A programme.
