

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3805

ANSWERED ON 03/04/2025

ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION FACILITIES

3805 SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken measures for repair/ upgradation/ maintenance/ retrofitting or acquiring additional attachment to increase functional capabilities of existing analytical instrumentation facilities in various Institutions/laboratories/academic institutions; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES

(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (b): Yes, In the year 2023, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) has launched a dedicated programme namely 'Support for the Upgradation, Preventive Repair, and Maintenance of Equipment (SUPREME)' to revitalize major analytical instrumentation facilities (AIFs) established through DST-funded projects. The programme provides support for the repair, upgradation, maintenance, retrofitting, or acquisition of additional attachments to enhance the functional capabilities of existing AIFs across various institutions/laboratories/academic institutions and thereby extend the lifespan of equipment.

Moreover, provisions to support maintenance and repair needs of research facilities are existing in various R&D Infrastructure schemes of DST such as Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions (FIST), Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE), Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facilities (SAIF) and Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI).
