

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4487
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2016**

GRASSROOT TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

4487. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps to promote and support grassroot technological innovation and traditional knowledge;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to protect India's rich traditional knowledge in healthcare?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) & (c): The Government has established National Innovation Foundation (NIF) to scout, document and commercialise grassroot innovations and traditional knowledge. NIF has so far documented more than 2 lakh grassroot level innovations and traditional knowledge. One of the unique features of this programme is that in the event of commercialization the grassroot innovator get his share of benefit. NIF works towards protecting grassroot level innovations in all sectors including healthcare.
