

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4542  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2016**

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

†4542. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether an important area of development in universities regarding research particularly in Science and Technology has been left neglected while formulating Science and Technology policies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is need to develop scientific temper in the country and to formulate new Science and Technology Policy; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**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) & (b): No Madam, important area of development in universities regarding research particularly in Science and Technology has not been neglected while formulating Science and Technology policies.

(c) Scientific Temper is infused as an integral element of the practices and principles of Science & Technology. An additional and specific emphasis on the practice of science and technology as duty of every citizen will off course strengthen the present orientation significantly. Science Technology and Innovation Policy – 2013 emphasise about public awareness and public accountability of Indian STI Sector.

(d) The Department of Science & Technology through its National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) and Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization of the Department, is actively engaged in infusing scientific temper through its science communication activities. This is specifically for citizen in all walks of life going beyond the scientific community.

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