

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.117  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017**

**JIGYASA**

**†\*117. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a programme named 'Jigyasa' to facilitate interaction and interface between the school students and the scientists so that the students can make progress in the field of science and technology;
- (b) whether his Ministry has signed a MoU with CSIR in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof and the benefits likely to accrue to the students; and
- (d) the time by which such programmes are likely to start in various parts of the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 117 RAISED BY SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA & SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017 REGARDING JIGYASA.**

(a) to (d) To inculcate scientific temper among school children, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has institutionalised 'JIGYASA' – a school connect programme targeting scientists – student interaction. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and CSIR on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 for implementing the programme in the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs). The likely benefits to accrue to the students are:-

- bringing in the school students, teachers and scientists on a single platform for nurturing young minds;
- open up national scientific facilities and CSIR scientific knowledge base to be utilized by school children;
- connects nearly 350 KVs with 38 CSIR laboratories to begin with. The programme on its scaling up on pan India basis is likely to benefit about 75000 to 1 lakh students of KVs annually;
- enables the students and teachers understand the theoretical concepts of science through hands on experience and field visits.

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