

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27/12/2017**

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

**1549. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
PROF. RICHARD HAY:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the Science and Research Fellowship Scheme along with its present status;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made under this scheme during the above-mentioned period along with its response;
- (d) the details of the number of countries engaged/involved under this scheme;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to make some amendments in this scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)

(a) The Department of Science & Technology is implementing India Science and Research Fellowship Programme (ISRF) for researchers of the neighbouring countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka) to work in Indian Universities and Research Institutions for a period of 3-6 months. Twenty six fellows from 6 countries have availed the fellowship so far.

(b) The total funds sanctioned during last 3 years is Rs. 1,25,69,350/- (Rupees one crore twenty five lakhs sixty nine thousand three hundred fifty). Out of which an amount of Rs. 85, 57,569/- (Rupees Eighty five lakhs fifty seven thousand five hundred sixty nine) has been utilized till March 31, 2017. The programme does not have any state/UTwise allocation.

(c) & (d): Target for this fellowship programme is to provide 126 fellowships for 3 years (42 fellowships per year) to the researchers of 7 neighbouring countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka). Against the last 3 Calls 97 applications were received from 6 countries and 55 fellowships have been awarded on the basis of merit for the researchers from 6 neighbouring countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka).

(e) & (f): No, Madam. No amendments are being contemplated at the moment. However, extension of this fellowship scheme to Thailand under the bilateral India-Thailand Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology is under consideration.
