

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3002
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/3/2018**

VIGYAN PRASAR

3002. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether Vigyan Prasar is supposed to take up activities that promote and propagate large-scale science popularisation and develop scientific and rational approach among population at large especially younger generation and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether this is included in the Constitution as scientific temper development;**
- (c) the ways and means through which this activity is made measureable and tangible;**
- (d) whether there are any surveys done periodically to assess popularisation of scientific and rational outlook; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)

- (a) Yes, Madam, Vigyan Prasar has been promoting and propagating Science popularisations, through creation of knowledge products such as popular science books, monthly bilingual science magazine (DREAM 2047), TV serials, radio programs, hands-on activity kits, training & workshops, Vipnet clubs (school/out of school science clubs) and thematic exhibitions.**
- (b) Yes Madam, in Article 51A (h).**
- (c) A large number of publications, radio programmes, telecasts and hands on activities carried out by Vigyan Prasar that highlight the pervasiveness of science and method of science in all walks of life, technology developments and their immediate value for quality of life, are quite tangible outputs. The large number of institutions, individuals and networks engaged with, by Vigyan Prasar, in outreach as part of science popularization across the country substantiate this further is another measurable parameter signifying the wide reach of Vigyan Prasar programmes.**
- (d) Yes, Madam.**
- (e) Surveys are carried out by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC) of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR) and National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the National Council of Applied Economic Research(NCAER).**
