

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 712
(ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018)**

JIGYASA SCHEME

712. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to implement “Jigyasa” scheme, wherein KV children would get an opportunity to visit major laboratories of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has considered including other Government schools in this scheme to boost awareness amongst children in all the States and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has instituted a mechanism to monitor the schemes implemented by the Ministry in the last two years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, whether the Government is likely to institute such a mechanism in the near future?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have signed an MoU on 06 July 2017 to launch “Jigyasa: Scientists-student Connect programme”. The MoU envisages some of the following models of engagement:
 - **Student Apprenticeship programme**
 - **Summer Vacation Programmes**
 - **Projects of National Children’s Science Congress**
 - **Scientists as Teachers and Teachers as Scientists**
 - **Teachers’ Workshop**
 - **Student Residential Programme**
 - **Popular Lecture Series**
 - **Visits of Scientists to Schools**
 - **Lab specific activities/ Onsite experiments**
 - **Science and Maths Club and many more.**The programme will connect 38 CSIR laboratories with 350 KV schools to begin with.**
- (b) Yes, Madam. Navodhaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) schools are also to be engaged with for which a process has been initiated. Some laboratories are involving local schools as well in their vicinity under the scientist-student interaction programme.**
- (c)&(d) Yes, Madam. A Joint Working Group (JWG) with senior officials from CSIR and KV has been constituted recently for implementing and monitoring the programme.**
