

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.756  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7/2/2018

MOU WITH CANADA

†756. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Government has recently approved MoU with Canada for cooperation in the field of Science and Technology;
- (b) if so, whether the MoU will provide a mechanism and help foster scientific cooperation between R&D and academic institutions of the two countries;
- (c) if so, whether the areas of cooperation have been identified in the MoU;
- (d) if so, the manner and extent to which the country will be benefitted from this MoU; and
- (e) the time by which the implementation of the MoU will be started?

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) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Canada for cooperation in the field of Science and Technology. The MoU was concluded by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada, Government of Canada, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The MoU will provide mechanism and help to foster cooperation between Research and Development and academic institutions of India and Canada.

(c) The identified areas of mutual cooperation under this MoU include (i) safe and sustainable infrastructure, and (ii) integrated water management.

(d) Under this MoU, the India-Canada Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary Partnership to Accelerate Community Transformation and Sustainability (IC-IMPACTS) programme will be supported to promote research partnership between both countries. The R&D projects will be aimed at providing solutions through application of science & technology. The participants will include researchers from scientific organizations, academic and R&D laboratories from India & Canada.

(e) The process of implementation of the MoU has already been initiated towards launch of the bilateral call for R&D projects.

\*\*\*\*\*