

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/7/2018**

WOMEN SCIENTISTS

†1312. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to grant special relaxation to the women scientists working in all research and academic institutions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for construction of residential complexes for them and also to provide creche facility in such institutions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government so far in this regard?

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

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In the pursuance of National Task Force recommendations, Government of India took necessary steps in order to ensure growth of women scientists in their professional career. In 2010, DST started exclusive Training Calendar for Women Scientists. DST also conducts exclusive training programmes for women scientists on leadership development to improve managerial skills. Department of Bio-technology (DBT) started BioCARE (Biotechnology Career Advancement and re-orientation) programme in year 2010 for working and unemployed women scientists to support them in Biotechnology domain. During 2013, a new scheme 'Women Technology Parks' was started to establish WTPs in different geographic and agro-climatic zones of the country for improving socio-economic status of women through capacity building. In the year 2014, DST revamped all the women specific programmes under one umbrella programme known as KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing). The upper age limit to apply in Women Scientists Scheme was increased up to 57 years in 2014. In 2016, DST started Mobility Scheme to address relocation issue of Women Scientists working in Government sector.

(c) to (e): Autonomous Institutions under the Ministry have established crèche and residential facility on their respective campuses wherever women are present in significant number.
