

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3580
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8/8/2018**

VIGYAN JYOTI PROJECT

3580. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government is bringing out the Vigyan Jyoti Project to enhance the scientific attitude of the students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which it will be helpful to the students?

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) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Vigyan Jyoti Scheme has been launched in pilot mode during the year 2017-18 to enhance participation of girls in higher education and careers in Science & Engineering. Twelve premier academic institutions from different parts of the country are participating in the pilot project. Under this pilot project, residential programme of 3 weeks was conducted for meritorious girls studying in Class XI. The students participated in various activities including hands on experiments and mentored to pursue higher studies and careers in Science & Engineering. In order to inculcate scientific temperament at early stage, one pilot project was also conducted for students of Class VI to VIII.
- (c) Vigyan Jyoti aims to facilitate conducive and Science & Technology (S&T) enabling environment to meritorious girls from Class VI onwards to career level. Easy and affordable access to information, best practices, meeting with role models, career counseling, parents' counseling, knowledge sharing, etc. are part & parcel of Vigyan Jyoti along with handholding of beneficiary girls through scholarship/fellowship.
