### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3650 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2/1/2019

### **PROGRAMMES RUN BY NGOS**

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

(a) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology takes help of NonGovernment Organisations (NGOs) for running a number of their programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of financial grants extended by the Ministry of Science and Technology to Non-Governmental Organisations to run various programmes during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the names of NGOs which have been running the programmes of the Ministry during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for promotion of Science and Technology in the country?

#### 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) to (d): No, Madam. Ministry of Science and Technology doesn't take help of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for running programmes. Programmes of the Ministry are not outsourced to NGOs for running. However, the Ministry provides grants-in-aid support to the NGOs to implement Science and Technology (S&T) based intervention project sunder its various schemes.NGOs are only implementing projects which are conceived by them.

(e) Ministry of Science and Technology through its various departments namely, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), are extending grants-in-aid support to NGOs under various schemes to promote science and technology interventions across India. DSIR has announced several fiscal incentives for promoting R&D in industry and institutes. These incentives are in terms of weighted tax deduction on R&D expenditure and customs/GST waiver on import/purchase of goods for R&D.