

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/6/2019**

**INNOVATION IN SCIENCE PURSUIT FOR INSPIRED RESEARCH (INSPIRE)
FACULTY AWARDEE**

52. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) the total number of candidates enrolled/working under Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) faculty scheme from the inception of the Scheme launched in the year 2008 with sub-scheme to provide five years contractual research award to young achievers for independent research and emerge as a leader in future science and technology;**
- (b) the number of INSPIRE Faculty awardees being absorbed by the host institute and other than host institutes;**
- (c) whether the number is marginal or less as compared with the total enrolment; and**
- (d) if so, the corrective action taken and proposed to benefit the unemployed INSPIRE awardees apart from formal request letters for the implementation of the same?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री; और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)**

- (a) The Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) Scheme was launched by Government of India in 2008. However, selection of candidates under INSPIRE Faculty sub-scheme was started from July 2011. The total number of candidates enrolled in INSPIRE faculty scheme from July 2011 batch to July 2018 batch is 1244.**
- (b) The total number of INSPIRE Faculty awardees absorbed by the host institutes is 253 and those absorbed by institutions other than host institutes is 296.**
- (c) & (d): The number of candidates who got absorbed is 44% of the total enrolment. In order to assist the INSPIRE Faculty awardees who are yet to find employment after completion of five years, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), through its autonomous body Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), has launched a “SERB Research Scientist Scheme” for sustainment of their research career for an additional period of two years and extendable by one more year. Such candidates can apply for this scheme once. The selection of SERB Research Scientists is highly competitive and candidates are selected based on their research performance during the tenure of INSPIRE Faculty award and their plans for further research.**
