

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2370  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022  
SCIENTIFIC SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**2370. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has allocated funds to the Scientific Social Responsibility policy and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the manner in which the Scientific Social Responsibility policy will be implemented and monitored;**
- (c) whether the scheme has specific outreach programmes for the marginalized communities; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)**

- (a) Yes Sir, the Science & Engineering Research Board, a statutory body of Department of Science & Technology has a provision to provide additional funds towards implementation of the Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) as part of R&D projects sanctioned by them.**
- (b) For implementation of the SSR guidelines, all Central Government Ministries and State Governments are expected to plan SSR activities in accordance with their respective mandates. Similarly, all knowledge institutions are expected to plan in consultation with an identified knowledge based institution called “Anchor Scientific Institution (ASI)” and prepare the SSR code of conduct that ensures transparency, diversity and equity; the knowledge workers are to be sensitized by their institutions as well as by Anchor Scientific Institution about their ethical responsibility to**

**contribute towards the betterment of society. The knowledge workers are required to contribute at least ten person-days in a year towards SSR over and above their routine/regular work, except those in administration or involved directly in the management of SSR implementation. Institutions are expected to keep track of the SSR activities of individual knowledge workers in their organisations towards collation of input in their Annual Reports. Assessment cells are required to be set up in each institution including Anchor Scientific Institutions to carryout periodical evaluation of institutional projects and individual activities.**

**(c)&(d) The SSR guidelines focus on the scientific community giving back to the less endowed stakeholders of science, technology and innovation including the society as a moral obligation. It includes the outreach targets towards all sections of the society, including the marginalized communities.**

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