

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2432  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

**KISHORE VAIGYANIK PROTSAHAN YOJANA**

† 2432. **SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the salient features, aim and purpose of 'Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY);
- (b) the number of youth benefited under KVPY in Bihar and other states during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the set objectives of these schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF 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) The "Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana" (KVPY) program was incepted in 1999 by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and implemented by IISc, Bengaluru to identify students with talent and aptitude for research; help them to realize their academic potentials, encourage them to take up research careers in science and ensure the growth of best scientific minds for research and development in the country. KVPY Fellows are offered a fellowship for a maximum period of five years at any educational institution in India, provided they pursue a graduation/post-graduation course in Basic Science areas.

**(b) The number of youths benefited under KVPY in Bihar and other State during the last three years, State-wise is annexed.**

**(c) & (d): Yes. Identification of talented students having aptitude for research and encouraging them by providing fellowship is a continuous process. Therefore, Government has been achieving the objectives for which the said yojana was launched. The applications received during the year 1999 was 1000, which was increased to about 1.56 lakh applications during the year 2020. Most of the KVPY fellows join the premier institutions in the country viz. Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) etc. Till date about 5000 students have been benefitted under this program.**

**Further to strengthen aim and purpose of identifying students with talent and aptitude for research, KVPY program has been subsumed in the Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) Component of Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) with expansion of the scope for these aspirants to avail 12000 scholarship(s)/year for pursuing Under-Graduation (UG) and Post-Graduation (PG) in basic and natural sciences based on the INSPIRE-SHE eligibility criteria.**

**Annexure****State-wise Distribution of Kishore Vaigyanik Protosahan Yojana (KVPY) offered Fellows (2019-22)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	105	100	135
2	Assam	6	10	27
3	Bihar	41	59	47
4	Chandigarh	54	10	12
5	Chhattisgarh	17	31	24
6	Delhi	218	200	244
7	Goa	7	6	7
8	Gujarat	147	154	197
9	Haryana	114	194	144
10	Jammu and Kashmir	1	4	5
11	Jharkhand	37	56	48
12	Karnataka	271	234	253
13	Kerala	96	78	71
14	Madhya Pradesh	70	81	83
15	Maharashtra	358	397	378
16	Odisha	66	85	89
17	Puducherry	5	5	2
18	Punjab	83	155	154
19	Rajasthan	377	274	313
20	Tamil Nadu	136	150	189
21	Telangana	217	180	199
22	Tripura	10	9	14
23	Uttar Pradesh	211	228	194
24	Uttarakhand	13	26	16
25	West Bengal	242	238	229
26	Other	2	0	0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2904</b>	<b>2964</b>	<b>3074</b>

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