

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

VAJRA SCHEME

**5331. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI BRUBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:**

Will the Minister of Science and Technology विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 'Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty' (VAJRA) scheme is still active, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the total scientists and academicians currently teaching in Indian Institutions under the scheme pan India including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh till date;**
- (c) whether any public funded academic or research institutions at Dewas, Madhya Pradesh Pratapgarh, Jhansi, Gonda-Behraich, Deoria in Uttar Pradesh; Pali in Rajasthan and Balasore in Odisha have been included in this scheme; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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) Yes Sir, the VAJRA faculty scheme is active. Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body under the Ministry of Science and Technology, implementing the VAJRA faculty scheme. The scheme is formulated to bring a strong international connection to the R&D ecosystem of India. It offers adjunct/visiting faculty assignments to overseas scientists, faculty members and R&D professionals including Non-resident Indians (NRI) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) to undertake high-quality collaborative research in public-funded academic and research institutions of India.**
- (b) The scheme does not engage adjunct/visiting faculty in teaching but in collaborative research.**
- (c) & (d) No Sir. No applications have been received from public funded academic or research institutions in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, Pratapgarh, Jhansi, Gonda-Behraich, Deoria in Uttar Pradesh, Pali in Rajasthan and Balasore in Odisha under VAJRA Faculty Scheme.**
