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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)

(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.

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