

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1833  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**Women Scientists Scheme in Bihar**

**1833. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:**

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

- (a) the details of assistance being provided by the Government to unemployed women scientists of Bihar to make a career in the field of science and technology under the “Women Scientist Scheme”;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries benefitted by this scheme so far, State/UT-wise including in Bihar; and
- (c) the budgetary provision made in the present budget for this scheme?

**A N S W E R**

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

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)  
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

(a) The ‘Women Scientist Scheme’ is one of the flagship programmes of the Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN) Scheme that provides opportunities to women scientists to pursue research careers in the field of Science & Technology (S&T), especially those who had a career break. Under this scheme, thirteen (13) unemployed women scientists have benefitted with the assistance of Rs.1.93 crore in the last five years.

(b) Since the year 2018, approximately 1962 women scientists have benefitted under the Women Scientist Scheme. The State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries, including Bihar, are mentioned below:

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	37

<b>3.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>154</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1962</b>

**(c) The budgetary allocation for the Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN) Scheme for the Financial Year 2023-24 is Rs. 131.20 crore.**

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