

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2023**

Ongoing Schemes

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing schemes on science and technology in various parts of the country particularly Maharashtra; and**
- (b) the State-wise details of the number of people 'particularly women' benefited and got help to start their own business from the said schemes in Maharashtra during the last two years?**

A N S W E R

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

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

(a) The Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Government of India (GoI) is implementing several schemes on Science and Technology (S&T) on PAN-India basis through three main wings of the Ministry namely the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)/ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

DST plays a pivotal role in the promotion of S&T in the country. Some of the noteworthy schemes/ programmes of DST are given below:

- i. Fund for Improvement of S&T (FIST)**
- ii. Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) scheme**
- iii. Support for Upgradation Preventive Repair and Maintenance of Equipment (SUPREME)**
- iv. National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems**

- v. **Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)**
- vi. **Science and Society Programme (SSP)**
- vii. **Women Scientists Scheme**
- viii. **National Geospatial Programme (NGP)**
- ix. **Technology Mission Programme on Energy, Water and Others**
- x. **S&T based Innovation and Entrepreneurship scheme**
- xi. **Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (WEDP)**
- xii. **Technology Fusion & Applications Research (TFAR) programme**
- xiii. **Technology Development Programme (TDP)**
- xiv. **Climate Change Programme**
- xv. **National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC)**
- xvi. **State Science and Technology Programme (SSTP)**

DST under its State Science and Technology Programme (SSTP), provides financial assistance to S&T Council in 28 States/UTs. Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission (RGSTC), Maharashtra is implementing various schemes on Science and Technology (S&T) such as Assistance for S&T Applications, Assistance for S&T Applications through University System, Assistance to Collaborative Projects between Institutions and Industries for Technology Development /Adoption.

DBT supports the Research and Development activities under the 'Biotechnology R&D' scheme, while the Industrial activities are supported under 'Industrial & Entrepreneurial Development' scheme at PAN-India level.

DSIR is promoting R&D by the industries through its programmes like Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research & Technology Development (PACE), Common Research and Technology Development Hubs (CRTDH) and Access to Knowledge for Technology Development and Dissemination (A2K+). The CSIR under DSIR is creating cutting-edge R&D knowledgebase in diverse S&T areas across the country through its dynamic network of 37 national laboratories, 39 outreach centres, 1 Innovation complex and 3 units.

(b) Details of the number of people particularly women benefited from the said schemes in the country and Maharashtra during the last two years are given below:

S. No.	Name of Scheme/programme	Number of people benefitted		Number of women benefitted	
		Country	Maharashtra	Country	Maharashtra
Department of Science and Technology					
1.	Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme (WEDP)	13395	4947	--	240

2.	National Geospatial Programme (NGP)	25	1	6	1
3.	National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems	--	89	--	6
4.	Vigyan Jyoti scheme	27951	1534	27951	1534
5.	Women Scientist Schemes	559	50	559	50
Department of Biotechnology					
1.	Biotechnology R&D Scheme	7527	851	3394	458
2.	Industrial & Entrepreneurial Development	2546	410	129	36
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research					
1.	Technology Development and Utilization Programme for Women (TDUPW)	4977	100	4977	100
2.	Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups and MSMEs (PRISM)	6	2	6	0
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research					
1.	CSIR-Aroma Mission	--	200	--	50
2.	CSIR-Floriculture Mission	--	50	--	15
Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission (RGSTC), Maharashtra					
1.	Assistance for S&T Applications	--	73	--	20
2.	Assistance for S&T Applications through University System	--	112	--	20

Under the CSIR-Aroma Mission, 15 people, including 5 women, got help to start own business in Maharashtra during the last two years.
