

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3135  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2019**

**VIGYAN JYOTHI**

**3135. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:  
SHRI A. RAJA:  
DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch 'Vigyan Jyothi' programme to help the girl students in the area of science and technology and mathematics;
- (b) if so, the details of the same and the time by which it is likely to be fully implemented;
- (c) the details of the areas likely to be covered and the funds likely to be sanctioned for the said programme, State/ UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any criteria/target to pick out girl students including from some rural districts for 2020- 2025 under this scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of girls likely to be picked up, State/ UT and district-wise including Nilgiri district and North Chennai area in Tamil Nadu; and
- (f) whether the Government is planning to provide any stipend to these girls, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR HARSH VARDHAN)**

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री; और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री  
डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन**

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has initiated full implementation of Vigyan Jyoti programme in 50 districts of the country for girl students of Class XI during 2019-20.
- (c) All the States and Union Territories are planned to be covered in a phased manner. Rs 20 lakh per Vigyan Jyoti Centre has been sanctioned for implementation of the scheme in the

current financial year. The state-wise fund allocation in the year 2019-20 is as follows:

Sl. No.	States and UTs	Number of Districts	Fund Sanctioned (in lakh)
(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	20
2.	Assam	2	40
3.	Bihar	3	60
4.	Chandigarh	1	20
5.	Chattishgarh	2	40
6.	Delhi	1	20
7.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1	20
8.	Goa	1	20
9.	Gujarat	1	20
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	40
11.	Haryana	1	20
12.	Jharkhad	2	40
13.	Karnataka	3	60
14.	Kerala	3	60
15.	Madhya Pradesh	2	40
16.	Maharashtra	3	60
17.	Manipur	1	20
18.	Meghalaya	1	20
19.	Mizoram	1	20
20.	Nagaland	1	20
21.	Odisha	2	40
22.	Rajasthan	3	60
23.	Sikkim	1	20
24.	Telengana	2	40
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3	60
25.	Uttarakahand	3	60
26.	West Bengal	3	60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>1000</b>

(d) & (e): Above fifty meritorious girl students in Science and Mathematics of Class XI are selected from each district under the Vigyan Jyoti Programme. The same criteria is applicable to students from all districts covered including those in rural districts.

(f) Yes, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is providing scholarship of Rs.2,000/- per month to selected girl students for entire duration of Vigyan Jyoti programme.

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