

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 181**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2020**

**YOUNG SCIENTISTS PROGRAMME**

**\*181. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Young Scientist Programme;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the selection procedure for rural students;**
- (d) whether ISRO will bear the expenditure of the participating students; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &**

**PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

**(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO  
STARRED QUESTION NO.181 REGARDING “YOUNG SCIENTISTS  
PROGRAMME” ASKED BY SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED FOR ANSWERING  
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2020.**

- (a) **Yes Sir, ISRO has launched a programme called Young Scientist Programme.**
- (b) **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is conducting a special programme for school students called Young Scientist Programme (YUva Vigyani KAryakram – YUVIKA) from the year 2019 onwards. 3 students each from every State/ Union Territory, studying in 9<sup>th</sup> Standard are selected for this programme through online registration. The two week long programme is primarily aimed at imparting basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to the students with the intent of arousing their interest in the emerging areas of space activities.**
- (c) **The selection is based on the 8<sup>th</sup> Standard academic performance and achievements in extracurricular activities including sports. An additional weightage of 15% is given to the students, who are studying in the schools located in rural area.**
- (d) & (e) **Expenditure towards the travel of student (to the reporting centre and back), course material, lodging and boarding etc., during the entire course is borne by ISRO.**

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