GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1000 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2020

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

1000. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

- (a) the detail of funds allocated to various projects sponsored by the Ministry during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) the funds utilised by each State during the said period, year-wise?

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) & (b): The Ministry of Science & Technology does not implement any centrally sponsored scheme and does not have any provision for making States/ UTs wise target, allocation and release under Science & Technology Schemes/ Projects. The Ministry, however, supports R&D projects to investigators and institutions related to development of Science & Technology including fundamental research through competitive grant mechanism in all the States/UTs. This includes support to research and development labs and institutions, support to Scientists and Researchers for investigator centric research proposal, strengthening Science & Technology (S&T) infrastructure in Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning through Fund of Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST), Promoting S&T Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Technology Business Incubators, Technology Development and Demonstration as well as empowering women and weaker sections of the society trough science. In addition, Ministry in coordination with State Governments, implements schemes to attract young students to pursue careers in Science. A programme on Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) was initiated under which more than one million children have benefited in the country. The Ministry is also implementing schemes such as Technology Development and Demonstration Programme (TDDP), Access to Knowledge and Studies (A2K + Studies), Common Research and Technology Development Hubs, Promoting Innovations in Individuals Start-ups and MSMEs (PRISM), Biotechnology Research & Development, Industrial and **Entrepreneurship Development.**
