

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2020

RESEARCH IN VEDIC KNOWLEDGE

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

- (a) whether steps are being taken by the Government to conduct research in vedic knowledge and philosophy, particularly vedantic philosophy and substance pedagogy principles of Vedas so that research in physics could get momentum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to re-establish ancient Indian Science and Technology?

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): Yes Sir. Ministry of Science and Technology is the nodal ministry to catalyse and support research in natural sciences, engineering and technology areas. Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) under Department of Science and Technology (DST) supports research proposals in all areas of physics. In addition to this, DST has also a program named Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) to promote scientific research in ancient traditional knowledge of yoga and meditation which interfaces with medicine, physiology, psychology, neuro science, philosophy etc. Further, Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of AYUSH for biotech inventions on ayurvedic concepts.

(c) The Government has taken steps to re-establish ancient Indian Science and Technology and started research in Yoga and Meditation based on the benefits mentioned in ancient Indian Literature. DST started Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) programme in the year 2015-16 with the aim to explore effect of traditional practices of yoga and meditation on physical and mental health. Since its inception, 82 research projects have been supported under SATYAM. Another programme of DST 'Science & Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI)' was started in 2017, which aims to promote scientific research activities in conservation of heritage objects. Under SHRI 38 research projects have been supported on various themes including preservation technologies, safeguarding techniques, material deterioration process, new materials, process of restoration and diagnostic technologies, knowledge of archaeometric applications, etc.
