

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3939
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021)
FREE ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

**3939. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AN TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up an open science framework for free access to scientific journals and public data;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the date by which such framework is likely to be launched; and**
- (c) the list of journals to be included in this framework particularly those belonging to the category of social sciences?**

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b) The government has come up with a draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) which aims to set up an Open science framework to facilitate free access of all data used in and generated from public-funded research on findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR) terms. The data includes, manuscripts, research data, supplementary information, research protocols, review articles, conference proceedings, monographs, book chapters, etc. Since the STI Policy is still at the draft stage, there is no timeline available for launch of the open science framework.**
- (c) Does not arise as the framework is yet to be finalized.**
