

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2021**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED WOMEN SCIENTIST

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

- (a) the assistance being provided by the Government to unemployed women scientists to make a career in the field of science and technology under the “Women Scientist Scheme”;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries benefitted by this scheme so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the budgetary provision made in the present budget for this scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

(a) The ‘Women Scientist Scheme’ of the Department of Science and Technology provides various opportunities to unemployed women scientists and technologists, especially those who had break in career, to make a career in the field of Science and Technology. There are three major components of Women Scientist Scheme namely, i) Women Scientists Scheme-A (WOS-A) for conducting research in Basic & Applied Sciences, ii) Women Scientists Scheme-B (WOS-B) for S&T interventions for Societal Benefit and iii) Women Scientists Scheme-C (WOS-C) that enables them to become Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) professional.

In WOS-A and WOS-B, the age limit is 27-57 years and fellowship amount for M.Sc, M.Phil/M.Tech and Ph.D categories is Rs. 31,000/-, Rs. 40,000/- and Rs. 55,000/- per month respectively and House Rent Allowance (HRA) as per Government of India norms. The total project cost, for 3 years’ duration under these three categories, is Rs. 20 lakh, Rs. 25 lakh and Rs. 30 lakh respectively excluding overheads and HRA. However, in WOS-C, women scientists of age group 27-45 years are eligible to apply. The fellowship in WOS-C for M.Sc, M.Phil/M.Tech and Ph.D categories is Rs. 25,000/-, Rs. 30,000/- and Rs. 35,000/- per month respectively.

(b) Around 1000 women scientists have benefitted in last 3 years under the 3 components of Women Scientists Scheme.

State/Union Territory	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	8	12	2
Assam	10	7	2
Bihar	7	3	0
Chandigarh	7	7	1
Chhattisgarh	4	5	0
Delhi	55	36	9
Goa	2	1	0
Gujarat	11	15	2
Haryana	11	8	1
Himachal Pradesh	10	2	1
Jammu & Kashmir	3	13	2
Jharkhand	2	8	0
Karnataka	37	30	14
Kerala	27	21	3
Madhya Pradesh	15	10	1
Maharashtra	62	44	23
Manipur	2	2	2
Meghalaya	1	1	0
Mizoram	1	0	0
Nagaland	1	2	0
Odisha	15	6	2
Puducherry	1	3	1
Punjab	14	12	2
Rajasthan	10	10	2
Tamil Nadu	54	42	8
Telangana	32	12	11
Tripura	0	1	0
Uttar Pradesh	53	45	7
Uttarakhand	12	6	5
West Bengal	37	30	6
Total	504	394	107

(c) The budgetary allocation of major umbrella scheme 'Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)' is Rs. 100 crore for the year 2021-22 which also covers Women Scientists Scheme along with other programmes.
