

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *383
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30/03/2022**

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

***383. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has organised a Science Week, “Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate” on light scattering and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the programme has been designed to make youth feel proud about India's scientific achievements and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken on the occasion of National Science Day to offer forums where freewheeling discussion of such themes are organized epitomising the true spirit of Science in the States including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and
- (d) the details of the present status and response received in this regard along with the funds sanctioned and spent thereon till now, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERERED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 FOR 30/03/2022 REGARDING SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The National Science Week with the theme ‘*Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate*’, was organized during 22nd – 28th February 2022 as part of the ‘Amrit Mahotsav Science Showcase: Roadmap to 2047’, by various scientific Ministries/Departments like the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Council of Scientific and Industrial Revolution (CSIR), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Department of Space (DOS), Department of Health Research (DHR) and Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and coordinated by Vigyan Prasar under the aegis of the office of the Principal Scientific Advisor, along with the Ministry of Culture. The Week culminated on 28th February 2022, the National Science Day, which is celebrated nationally to mark the Nobel Prize winning discovery of ‘Raman Effect’ of light scattering, of great Indian Scientist Sir CV Raman. Science exhibitions with models, book fairs, lectures, competitions, science literature festivals, etc. were organised at 75 locations across the country in collaboration with local academic partners. A mega exposition was arranged in New Delhi, along with a national science book fair associated with the National Book Trust and Federation of Indian Publishers. A grand inaugural function and finale were organised at Vigyan Bhavan on February 22 and 28, 2022, respectively. It is estimated that about 2 million people directly visited and took part in the events across the country with many more participating through hybrid mode.

The programmes were designed theme-wise. Thrust was placed on the following four themes aimed at making the youth of India feel proud about India’s scientific achievements –

- (i) The ‘Annals of Science’ highlighting the contributions made by founders of modern science in India**
- (ii) ‘The Milestones of Modern S&T’ highlighted and showcased the achievements in S&T and R&D made globally.**
- (iii) ‘Swadeshi Paramparik Inventions & Innovations’ showcased the inventions and innovations addressing India specific issues.**
- (iv) ‘Transforming India’ demonstrated how the government is making strides in frontier S&T areas.**

(c) & (d) National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated annually on a chosen theme for the purpose of raising public appreciation and awareness of various scientific issues. National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC) of DST is the nodal agency to support, catalyze and coordinate celebration of the NSD throughout the country, particularly in scientific institutions & research laboratories and offers a variety of fora where discussions of such themes are organized in the States including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The government also provides grants-in aid to State S&T Councils and Departments for various countrywide programmes including lectures, quizzes, open houses, in hybrid mode, etc. towards commemoration of NSD. 18 States/UTs actively participated in the events towards commemoration of NSD 2022 and a total of Rs. 1,58,63,000/- were sanctioned while Rs. 1,26,90,400/- released as per following details-

State/UT	Sanctioned Cost per State (in Rupees)	Release of Funds per State (in Rupees)
Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh	Rs.12,50,000/-	10,00,000/-
Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Telangana, Haryana, Tripura	Rs.7,50,000/-	6,00,000/-
Goa	Rs. 5,00,000/-	4,00,000/-
Gujarat	Rs. 3,63,000/-	2,90,400/-
