

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2768
TO BE ANSWERED 03.08.2022

ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

†2768. **SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of **PLANNING** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mini Science Labs or Mobile Science Labs could be set up by MP and MLA funds under the Atal Innovation Mission in all the Secondary Schools, High schools and colleges in the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the details of the Government's plan to set up Science labs in all the schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- a) to c) Government of India has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog. In Schools, AIM facilitates to set up network of Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in India with a vision to 'Cultivate 1 million children in India as Neoteric Innovators'. The objective of ATLs is to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in students and inculcate skills such as design mind-set, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing, rapid calculations, measurements etc.

AIM has completed its mandate of setting up a total of 10,000 ATLs across the schools of the country in July 2022. The budget utilized to set up ATLs is out of the total sanctioned budget by Central Government to AIM. AIM has no mandate to set up ATLs through utilization of other funding sources like MLA and MP funds.
