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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 295
ANSWERED ON 24/07/2024

Promotion of Women Scientists

295. SHRI CHUDASAMA RAJESHBHAI NARANBHAI:

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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 of Bihar specially in Bhagalpur to make a career in the field of science and technology under the Women Scientists Scheme;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote women scientists;**
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of this scheme so far, State/UT-wise particularly in Bihar; and**
- (d) the budgetary provision made in the present budget for this scheme?**

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) The support has been provided to ten (10) unemployed women scientists of Bihar with the assistance of Rs.1.66 crore in the last five years under the 'Women Scientist Scheme' to pursue research careers in the field of Science & Technology (S&T).**

(b) The Department of Science and Technology started a dedicated scheme ‘Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN)’ to promote women scientists. WISE-KIRAN scheme has several programmes that provide various opportunities to women scientists to pursue research in S&T domain. Under WISE-KIRAN, the ‘Women Scientists Scheme’ provides opportunities to the women scientists who had break in their careers. The ‘WISE Fellowship for Ph.D. (WISE-PhD)’ provides opportunity to pursue Ph.D. in Basic and Applied Sciences and ‘WISE Post-Doctoral Fellowship (WISE-PDF)’ allows them to carry out Post-Doctoral research in Basic and Applied Sciences. Further, ‘WISE-SCOPE’ programme encourages women to address societal challenges through S&T interventions. Another new programme ‘WIDUSHI’ supports senior women scientists to conduct S&T research. In addition, ‘WISE Internship in IPR (WISE-IPR)’ programme provides one-year training to women scientists in the field of Intellectual Property Rights.

(c) Since the year 2019, approximately 1690 women scientists have benefitted under the WISE-KIRAN Scheme. The State/UT-wise details of beneficiaries, including Bihar, are mentioned below:

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Women benefitted under WISE-KIRAN
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	33
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
4.	Assam	34
5.	Bihar	10
6.	Chandigarh	33
7.	Chhattisgarh	12
8.	Delhi	190
9.	Goa	8
10.	Gujarat	39
11.	Haryana	46
12.	Himachal Pradesh	16
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	40
14.	Jharkhand	12
15.	Karnataka	109
16.	Kerala	110
17.	Ladakh	1

18.	Madhya Pradesh	42
19.	Maharashtra	180
20.	Manipur	14
21.	Meghalaya	1
22.	Mizoram	6
23.	Nagaland	5
24.	Odisha	26
25.	Puducherry	7
26.	Punjab	51
27.	Rajasthan	42
28.	Sikkim	1
29.	Tamil Nadu	162
30.	Telangana	93
31.	Tripura	4
32.	Uttar Pradesh	177
33.	Uttarakhand	43
34.	West Bengal	139
	TOTAL	1690

(d) The budgetary allocation for the Women in Science and Engineering-KIRAN (WISE-KIRAN) Scheme for the Financial Year 2024-25 is Rs.135.50 crore.
