

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2187
ANSWERED ON 12/03/2025**

AWARENESS ABOUT VIGYAN DHARA SCHEME

2187. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the ministry to raise awareness regarding the Vigyan Dhara scheme among educational institutes, research organisations and the general public;**
- (b) whether the ministry maintains a record of the number of beneficiaries, both individual and institutional, who have availed of the scheme since its inception, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the budget allocated and utilised under the said scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) the details regarding the number of beneficiaries and research projects supported under the scheme in Telangana along with the funds allocated and utilized?**

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 Vigyan Dhara scheme came into force with effect from 16.01.2025 after the merger of three umbrella schemes namely (1) Science and Technology Institutional and Human Capacity Building, (2) Research and Development and (3) Innovation, Technology Development and Deployment of the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The department has undertaken several proactive measures to raise awareness regarding the Vigyan Dhara scheme**

among educational institutions, research organization, and the general public. Adequate media coverage of the scheme was made through print, social and digital communication platforms. Detailed information about the various programmes under this scheme, have been made publicly accessible through official web portal. The officials of the department have also engaged themselves in interacting with the stakeholders to spread awareness about various programs/schemes of Vigyan Dhara.

(b) The department maintains record of the number of beneficiaries who have availed benefits of the scheme. As per the record, 57,869 individual beneficiaries have availed the scheme, so far. The beneficiaries include young students in the age group of 10-15 years and studying in class VI to X availing the benefits under INSPIRE-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) scheme that aims to attract young students to study science and pursue research career and also promote creative thinking and foster a culture of innovation among them.

(c) Vigyan Dhara scheme is a central sector scheme and is being implemented at pan India level. The details of budget allocated and utilized since its inception are as follows:

Year	Allocated (Rs. In crore)	Utilized as on 10.03.2025 (Rs. In crore)
2024-25	330.75	89.10
2025-26	1425.00	-

(d) In the state of Telengana, a total of 4002 beneficiaries have availed of the scheme and a total budget of Rs. 3.3 Crore has been utilized as an 10.03.2025.
