

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2924**

**ANSWERED ON 06/08/2025**

**VIGYAN JYOTI PROGRAMME IN KERALA**

**2924. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:**

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

- (a) the major objectives of the Vigan Jyoti Programme initiated in 2019;**
- (b) the details of the total funds allocated and disbursed for the Vigan Jyoti Programme during the last five years;**
- (c) whether any districts of Kerala has been selected under the Vigan Jyoti Programme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the benefit of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme in Kerala?**

**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 major objectives of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme, which was initiated in 2019, is to encourage meritorious girls to pursue higher education and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. The programme promotes gender parity in STEM through various year-round activities such as hands-on experiential learning sessions, interactions with scientific role models, visits to R&D and industrial laboratories, career guidance workshops, and student-parent counselling sessions. These activities are designed to enhance the interest and inclination of girls towards science.**

**(b) The details of the total funds allocated and disbursed under the Vigyan Jyoti Programme during the last five years are as follows:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund Allotted (Rs. in crores)</b>	<b>Fund Disbursed (Rs. in crores)</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>18.83</b>	<b>9.00</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>35.54</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>47.37</b>	<b>28.00</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>55.97</b>	<b>35.00</b>
<b>2025-26</b>	<b>55.95</b>	<b>39.00</b>

**(c) to (d): Yes Sir. The districts in Kerala selected under the Vigyan Jyoti Programme are Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Wayanad, Idukki, Kasaragod, Kollam, Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Kottayam, and Palakkad.**

**(e) The Vigyan Jyoti Programme has benefitted nearly 2,800 girl students from Kerala by providing academic support, mentoring, financial assistance, exposure visits, and coaching to encourage them to pursue careers in STEM fields.**

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