

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2929
ANSWERED ON 17/12/2025**

STUDENT PROJECT PROGRAMME

2929. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of State Science and Technology (S&T) Councils supported under State Science & Technology Programme, State and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh especially Konaseema district;
- (b) the details of the amount of grants allocated and released to States under this programme, State, year-wise since the scheme's inception;
- (c) the total number of SC/ST Cells supported under this programme, classified State-wise and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh, especially in Konaseema District;
- (d) the details of total number of students supported under the Student Project Programme of the said programme, State-wise and year-wise during the last five years; and
- (e) the details of the projects supported under the scheme along with the financial assistance sanctioned and disbursed, State-wise and year-wise over the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Department of Science and Technology (DST), under its State Science and Technology Programme (SSTP), nurtures Centre-State Science and Technology (S&T) cooperation through support to S&T Secretariat of State/Union Territory (UT) Science & Technology Councils. The list of currently supported 27 State S&T Councils is given in the table below:

| S. No. | Name of State/UT | Name of S&T Council |
|---------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Andhra Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology |

| S. No. | Name of State/UT | Name of S&T Council |
|---------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology |
| 3. | Assam | Assam Science Technology & Environment Council |
| 4. | Bihar | Bihar State Science and Technology Council |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh Council of Science & Technology |
| 6. | Goa | Goa State Council of Science & Technology |
| 7. | Gujarat | Gujarat Council on Science and Technology |
| 8. | Haryana | Haryana State Council for Science & Technology |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | State Council for Science & Technology and Environment, Himachal Pradesh |
| 10. | Karnataka | Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology |
| 11. | Kerala | Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment |
| 12. | Maharashtra | Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh Council of Science & Technology |
| 14. | Manipur | Manipur Science & Technology Council |
| 15. | Meghalaya | State Council for Science & Technology and Environment, Meghalaya |
| 16. | Mizoram | Mizoram Science, Technology and Innovation Council |
| 17. | Nagaland | Nagaland State Science and Technology Council |
| 18. | Punjab | Punjab State Council for Science and Technology |

| S. No. | Name of State/UT | Name of S&T Council |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|
| 19. | Rajasthan | Rajasthan Council of Science & Technology |
| 20. | Sikkim | Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | Tamil Nadu State Council for Science & Technology |
| 22. | Telangana | Telangana State Council of Science & Technology |
| 23. | Tripura | Tripura State Council for Science & Technology |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | Council of Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh |
| 25. | Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology |
| 26. | West Bengal | West Bengal State Council for Science & Technology |
| 27. | Puducherry | Puducherry Council for Science and Technology |

(b) The details of funds sanctioned and released to S&T Councils towards assistance to their S&T Secretariat under SSTP since financial year 2016-17 is given at Annexure.

(c) The Department has established Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) Cells at 11 State S&T Councils under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan/Tribal Sub Plan of the Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division, DST for systemic mapping of livelihood system of SC/ST Communities. There is no SC/ST cell at Andhra Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology. List of supported SC/ST Cells is given as below:

- 1. Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology**
- 2. Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment**
- 3. Punjab State Council for Science & Technology**
- 4. Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology**
- 5. Telangana State Council of Science & Technology**
- 6. West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology**
- 7. Tripura State Council for Science & Technology**
- 8. Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science and Technology**

- 9. Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council**
- 10. Sikkim State Council of Science & Technology**
- 11. Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology**

(d) to (e): During the last five years, an amount of Rs. 41.90 Lakhs was released (financial year 2022-23) to Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology under SSTP to implement the Student Project Programme. Across this period (2020-21 to 2024-25), 26,038 students in Karnataka were supported, distributed as follows: 4,413 in 2020-21, 4,515 in 2021-22, 5,519 in 2022-23, 5,453 in 2023-24, and 6,138 in 2024-25.

**Sanctioned and released amount to S&T Councils towards
assistance to their S&T Secretariat**

(In Rs Lakhs)

| S. No. | Name of State/UT | FY 2016-17 | FY 2017-18 | FY 2018-19 | FY 2019-20 | FY 2020-21 | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 | Total |
|--------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology | 184.96 | 126.76 | 139.44 | 102.51 | 102.51 | 108.51 | 106.51 | 105.01 | Nil | 976.21 |
| 2 | Assam Science Technology & Environment Council | 200.92 | 152.72 | 116.65 | 183.35 | 183.35 | 183.35 | 139.26 | 139.76 | Nil | 1,299.36 |
| 3 | Andhra Pradesh State Council of Science and Technology | Nil | 43.55 | 47.91 | 49.03 | 37.44 | Nil | 48.93 | 52.43 | Nil | 279.29 |
| 4 | Bihar Council on Science & Technology | 43.00 | 42.00 | 33.13 | 51.82 | Nil | 5.18 | 30.09 | 28.09 | Nil | 233.31 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh Council of Science & Technology | 134.22 | 106.02 | 111.80 | 122.11 | 121.12 | 123.12 | 127.12 | 125.59 | 157.2 | 1,128.30 |
| 6 | Goa State Council for Science & Technology | 76.84 | 69.64 | 59.54 | 84.65 | 82.65 | 84.65 | 88.65 | 87.15 | Nil | 633.77 |
| 7 | Gujarat Council on Science and Technology | 125.20 | 67.00 | 72.67 | 81.52 | 81.52 | 81.52 | 87.52 | 84.02 | 106.9 | 787.87 |
| 8 | Haryana State Council for Science & Technology | 56.53 | 34.27 | 23.41 | 35.72 | 23.49 | 27.15 | 28.72 | Nil | Nil | 229.29 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh State Council for Science, Technology & Environment | 165.12 | 104.72 | 99.77 | 118.73 | 117.54 | 34.01 | 91.49 | 90.5 | Nil | 821.88 |

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|--------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 10 | Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology | 185.20 | 127.00 | 138.09 | 150.80 | 152.8 | 150.8 | 156.8 | 155.3 | 193.5 | 1,410.29 |
| 11 | Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment | Nil | 188.00 | 191.69 | 97.67 | 108.12 | 106.72 | 116.12 | 112.41 | Nil | 920.73 |
| 12 | Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission, Maharashtra | 94.80 | 37.80 | 1.00 | 45.80 | 35.00 | 45.00 | 49.00 | 43.05 | Nil | 351.45 |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh Council of Science & Technology, Madhya Pradesh | 208.55 | 150.35 | 165.39 | 180.54 | 180.54 | 178.54 | 184.54 | 183.04 | Nil | 1,431.49 |
| 14 | Manipur Science & Technology Council | 145.94 | 111.14 | 106.21 | 137.52 | 135.52 | 137.52 | 141.4 | 140.02 | 176.9 | 1,232.17 |
| 15 | State Council of Science, Technology, and Environment, Meghalaya | 53.80 | 32.72 | 10.16 | 40.64 | 30.24 | 30.67 | 36.39 | 34.89 | Nil | 269.51 |
| 16 | Mizoram Science, Technology & Innovation Council | 115.20 | 83.00 | 91.30 | 100.52 | 100.52 | 100.52 | 104.52 | 86.56 | 115.34 | 897.48 |
| 17 | Nagaland Science and Technology Council | 136.20 | 77.97 | 85.71 | 94.58 | 94.58 | 94.58 | 98.58 | 97.08 | Nil | 779.28 |
| 18 | Punjab State Council for Science & Technology | 233.76 | 150.56 | 194.22 | 165.60 | 163.6 | 141.96 | 169.6 | 168.1 | Nil | 1,387.40 |
| 19 | Rajasthan Council of Science & Technology | 156.00 | 156.00 | 171.60 | 187.25 | 137.04 | Nil | Nil | 185.25 | Nil | 993.14 |

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|--------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 20 | Sikkim State Council of Science and Technology | 135.80 | 86.46 | 47.69 | 104.63 | 78.24 | 82.76 | 88.76 | 87.21 | Nil | 711.55 |
| 21 | Tamil Nadu State Council for Science & Technology | 136.88 | 104.72 | 115.19 | 69.03 | 72.87 | 88 | 94 | 92.5 | 106.24 | 879.43 |
| 22 | Telangana State Council of Science & Technology | 131.20 | 31.45 | 21.18 | 39.28 | Nil | Nil | 11.32 | 4.5 | 57.14 | 296.07 |
| 23 | Tripura State Council for Science & Technology | 63.00 | 62.00 | 67.20 | 75.58 | 73.58 | 75.58 | 79.38 | 82.08 | Nil | 578.40 |
| 24 | Council of Science & Technology, Uttar Pradesh | 150.20 | Nil | 165.22 | 130.36 | 44.28 | 87.27 | 90.26 | 90.76 | Nil | 758.35 |
| 25 | Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology | 147.80 | 95.00 | 104.50 | 114.77 | 112.78 | 104.15 | 118.78 | 116.68 | Nil | 914.46 |
| 26 | West Bengal State Council of Science and Technology | 90.20 | 32.00 | 0.00 | 39.94 | Nil | 13.2 | 23.96 | 21.3 | Nil | 220.6 |
| 27 | Puducherry State Council for Science & Technology | 21.67 | 11.50 | 9.85 | 25.92 | 23.92 | 23.2 | 24.37 | Nil | Nil | 140.43 |
| 28 | Andaman and Nicobar Science & Technology Council | 55.40 | 20.20 | 22.22 | 12.88 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 110.7 |
| Grand Total | | 3248.39 | 2304.55 | 2412.74 | 2642.75 | 2293.25 | 2107.96 | 2336.07 | 2413.28 | 913.22 | 20672.21 |
