

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3016**  
ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) PROGRAMME**

3016. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
SHRI NALIN SOREN:  
SHRI TAPIR GAO:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:  
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:  
DR. RAJESH MISHRA:  
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress made under the Science and Technology (S&T) programme initiated in the year 2025 for research and development funding in the fields of geosciences, mineral exploration, mining technology and conservation including the status of the online proposal management system;
- (b) the details of the commercial technologies developed along with the manner in which their potential use is likely to be ensured in tribal-dominated areas such as the Dahod Lok Sabha Constituency; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to strengthen the innovation chain and increase the funding and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a): The Ministry of Mines provides financial support under the Research & Development (R&D) component and S&T-PRISM (Promotion of Research & Innovation in Startups and MSMEs) component of the Science and Technology (S&T) Programme for undertaking R&D projects in mining, mineral processing, metallurgical technologies, mineral beneficiation, and recycling. The funding is extended to academic institutions, universities, R&D institutions recognised by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), start-ups, and MSMEs. In 2025-26, under the R&D component, 42 projects from academic institutions, universities, national institutes, and R&D institutions have been approved for funding amounting to ₹22.12

crore. Further, under the S&T–PRISM component in 2025-26, 06 projects have been approved with financial support of ₹7.58 crore. The SATYABHAMA portal (<https://research.mines.gov.in/>) facilitates end-to-end online management of project proposals under the S&T Programme.

(b): In respect of R&D projects between FY 2019–20 to FY 2023–24, 16 technologies were developed or identified as worthy of adoption by industry for deployment anywhere in the country as per requirement.

(c): The Ministry of Mines has recognised nine premier institutes in the country as Centres of Excellence (CoEs) under the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM) to undertake focused research and development (R&D) for strengthening domestic capabilities across the critical mineral value chain. In line with ‘Whole of Government’ approach, the recognized CoEs under NCMM are eligible to seek financial support for specific R&D projects from any R&D scheme of the Government.

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