

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1814  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2015**

**FOLDABLE MICROSCOPE**

**1814. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI SATAVRAJEEV:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:**

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री  
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is going to introduce cost effective, easy to use and foldable microscope to explore science for students especially from science stream;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the department of bio- technology has also decided to collaborate with foreign based Prakash Lab at Standford University for this purpose;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this cost effective foldable microscope is likely to be introduced and distributed; and**
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to support colleges and university departments offering undergraduate education to improve science teaching?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री वाई. एस. चौधरी)**

**(a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House**

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