

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9/03/2016**

ACTIVITY AT DISTRICT LEVEL

†1992 SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्र be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government organises any activity regarding the development of Science and Technology at district level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, schemewise; and
- (c) the amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Department of Science and Technology is implementing a national program entitled “Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research” (INSPIRE) for attracting talented young students to study Science and pursue career in Research. The Scheme is being implemented since 2009-10.

INSPIRE Programme covers students in the age group 10-32 years, and has five components:

INSPIRE Award (for 10-15 years of age group): INSPIRE Internship (for 16-17 years of age group) with opportunity to interact with global science leaders at a science camp; INSPIRE Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) (for 17-22 years of age group) @ RS 80,000/- per year for continuing education at B.Sc. and M.Sc. level; INSPIRE Fellowship (for 22-27 age group) for doctoral research and INSPIRE faculty for assured career opportunity.

The first component, viz. INSPIRE Awards, is implemented centrally through the States/UTs. Under this scheme, during the five-year period two students are selected from each middle and high school of the country for an INSPIRE Award of Rs.5000/- each for preparing a Science Project/ Model. These awardees, who are students from classes 6th to 10th, then participate in a three tier competition: District, State and National Level. The projects exhibited are evaluated by a jury of experts. All the 29 states and 7 UTs are participating in the scheme.

Under the INSPIRE Award Scheme approximately 13.44 lakh INSPIRE Awards have so far been given to students across the country at an approximate cost of Rs.672.20 Crore. An amount of Rs.139.71 Crore have also been provided to State/UTs for conducting District Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (DLEPCs), State Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (SLEPCs), towards participation in National Level Exhibitions ND Project Competition (NLEPC) and for conducting training of State/District/School official on E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme (E-MIAS).

(c) There is no specific fund allocation under the INSPIRE Award Scheme for activity at District/State level. However, State/UT-wise details of funds released for organizing District and State Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (D/SLEPCs), under INSPIRE awards scheme during last three years and current year are attached at Annexure I.

Annexure I

State/UT	Amount released for DLEPCs/ SLEPCs (Rs. In lakhs)				
	Funds Released during 11th Plan	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Andhra Pradesh	588.96	116.24	283.65	209.04	188.31
Arunachal Pradesh	11.00	*	2.10	*	*
Assam	25.86	37.07	37.65	35.08	*
Bihar	100.00	*	148.77	*	*
Chattisgarh	444.94	73.75	157.88	165.50	*
Goa	0.80	3.82	*	*	*
Gujarat	150.00	*	*	*	*
Haryana	257.47	*	*	*	*
Himachal Pradesh	46.40	142.81	*	*	40.65
Jammu and Kashmir	109.22	8.31	*	31.35	85.14
Jharkhand	101.06	*	141.79	*	386.46
Karnataka	577.78	178.00	50.00	250.00	300.00
Kerala	69.19	*	41.06	38.75	*
Madhya Pradesh	826.60	162.14	92.70	477.38	127.30
Maharashtra	1156.94	*	106.00	29.23	271.79
Manipur	18.60	*	4.27	*	6.22
Meghalaya	4.60	15.22	5.78	*	5.65
Mizoram	35.78	10.23	26.58	*	4.00
Nagaland	0.00	6.40	4.50	*	4.00
Odisha	85.21	231.81	*	56.05	66.23
Punjab	163.39	106.48	*	*	109.76
Rajasthan	340.00	*	*	*	*
Sikkim	7.22	5.93	*	*	10.23
Tamil Nadu	428.28	*	100.81	155.59	206.27
Telangana	0.00	*	*	189.25	195.64
Tripura	6.40	33.82	*	*	26.04
Uttar Pradesh	1737.48	*	*	*	*
Uttarakhand	26.46	*	64.66	*	*
West Bengal	145.66	*	*	29.22	*
A&N Islands	3.04	*	4.97	*	*
Chandigarh	6.21	*	1.77	0.74	0.91
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2.56	2.34	*	2.70	2.88
Daman and Diu	1.68	1.11	0.51	*	1.53
Lakshadweep	0.47	0.52	*	*	
NCT of Delhi	26.06		5.64	3.87	17.81
Puducherry	0.65	0.44	*	*	*
Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan	14.53	*	7.29	*	*
Total	7520.49	1136.40	1288.39	1673.75	2056.83

DSLEPCs: District Level Exhibition & Project Competitions

SLEPCs: State Level Exhibition & Project Competitions
