

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2596
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2016**

Science Education

2596. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to engage State Governments in identifying research projects which can be given to teachers to make science and math subjects popular;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of States in which such scheme has been introduced by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has also fixed any target to develop the science education in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether such initiatives taken by the Government are likely to give importance for the science education in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) to (d) Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAA) was launched on 9th July 2015 to strengthen science education. It is an initiative to motivate and encourage children of the age-group 6-18 years, in science, mathematics and technology. The key activities under this programme include mentoring of elementary and secondary schools by Institutions of Higher Education; forming Maths and Science clubs for children at school; professional development of teachers in order to make teaching of Maths and Science interesting for students, organization of science exhibitions at district, State and National level, special teaching for learning enhancement, provision of Math and Science kits and excursion trip to science museums etc. The scheme is being implemented in all the states in the country. The programme guidelines have laid down concrete measurable milestones for 5 years.

There are six Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) at Pune, Kolkata, Mohali, Bhopal, Thiruananthapuram and Tirupati which for science education and research.
