

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3111  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/03/2016**

**INDO-FRENCH AGREEMENT**

**3111. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATILSHIVAJIRAO:**

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

- (a) whether India and France has signed an agreement recently for the establishment of an Indo-French Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the two countries will soon work to promote economic and social development through research, development and innovation and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the manner in which and the extent to which both the countries are likely to be benefited therefrom; and
- (e) the time by which the implementation work on the agreement is likely to be started?

**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) No Madam. However, India and France have signed an arrangement for establishment of an Indo-French Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation (JCSTC) on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 under the inter-Governmental Agreement between the two countries signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1978 and in pursuance of joint declaration issued after the summit meeting between the President of the French Republic and the Prime Minister of India held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Paris.
- (b) & (c): Under the arrangement the two countries have committed to work together to identify, synergise and define priorities for Indo-French cooperation in science, technology and innovation aimed to achieve economic and social development through knowledge creation, research, development and innovation. The JCSTC will review and also provide recommendations on operational modalities to facilitate Indo-French Science, Technology and Innovation Cooperation.
- (d) The arrangement is to help facilitate advance common national goals and strategies in the fields of science, technology and engineering research by leveraging national systems and resources for widening Indo-French science, technology and innovation cooperation. It will also encourage application of the scientific results of such cooperation to economic and social benefit;
- (e) The arrangements provides for meeting of the JCSTC once in every two years, alternately in India and France or through other appropriate communication ways like videoconferencing as mutually decided by the two sides.

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