

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2990
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/05/2016**

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**2990. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:**

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

- (a) whether low representation of women in Science and Technology in planning and policy making is a matter of concern and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has set up a standing committee for promoting women in Science and Technology;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the aforesaid committee is likely to submit its report along with the present status thereof;**
- (d) whether the women are facing certain issues which lower their representation in science and technology sector; and**
- (e) if so, whether the Government has identified these issues and if so, the steps taken by the Government to address them to bring greater representation of women in science?**

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) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government of India has set up a Standing Committee for Promoting Women in Science on 11th March, 2016. The first meeting of this Standing Committee is scheduled to be held on 16 May 2016 at Bangalore. No time limit has been fixed for the Committee to submit its Report.

(d) & (e): Women face certain issues which may lead to their lower representation in Science & Technology sector and Department of Science & Technology is addressing these issues through its KIRAN programme. One such issues that women working in science & technology in the government sector domain face is the mobility from one location in the country to another, primarily due to familial issues like marriage, education of children, looking after ailing parents, and so on. This sometimes leads to their prolonged absence from place of work or even leaving their job. To address this issue, Department of Science & Technology has recently initiated Mobility programme. The first call for proposals under Mobility has been made on 29 April 2016.
