

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3163
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2003
HARASSMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any letter had been received in May, 2003 from a scientist belonging to Scheduled Caste and working in the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), CSIR regarding harassment/misbehaviour and ill treatment by a Deputy Director;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by the authority in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A letter dated 27.5.2003 was received from a scientist alleging harassment by Head Bioorganic division unit, primarily referring to the shifting of the complainants's seat. Director, IGIB has constituted a committee of senior scientists, including an SC/ST member, to look into all aspects of the complaint.