

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIAN SCIENCE AWARD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scientists awarded with Indian Science Award by the Government during the last ten years;
- (b) the criteria followed by the Government for selection of this award; and
- (c) the other details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): The India Science Award has been instituted recently and the first recipient of this prestigious award is Professor C.N.R Rao. It is envisaged to be the highest and most prestigious national recognition for outstanding contribution to Science. It will cover all areas of research in science including engineering, medicine and agriculture. The award amount is Rs. 25 lakhs. The Award will be given to a scientist, without any age limit, for major contribution(s) of a path-breaking nature and based on work primarily done in India. The primary and essential criterion should be demonstrated and widely accepted Excellence in Science. The work should have opened a new window of opportunity in the field and must have exceptional originality and demonstrate deep insight of the subject, and not be just voluminous work of an imitative or repetitive nature.