

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:438
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2007
DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of scientists has been declining every year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether funds allocated for research in the field of sciences are also not utilized fully;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.438 FOR 04.05.2007 REGARDING "DECLINE IN NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS".

(a) & (b): No Sir. According to the available official statistics, the stock of Scientific and Technical personnel in the country has arisen from 7.8 million in 2000 to 8.1 million in 2001. Of which, nearly 1 lakh S&T personnel remain engaged in Research and Development activities every year.

(c) to (e): Yes Sir. The details of the utilisation of the funds for research by Central Scientific Departments during the 10th Five Year Plan are given in the table below.. The corrective steps taken in this regard include changes in the existing project approval process, quarterly monitoring of flow of funds and awareness creation among the scientific community about various schemes.