

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.134**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/08/2011

**PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS**

134. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proactive policies to ensure, support and promote scientific awareness among the Aanganwadi Workers, labourers and people of low income groups:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): There is no specific scheme for promoting scientific awareness among such specified target groups but through a series of initiatives by different ministries and Government and other organizations, awareness of scientific and technological development and initiatives is being encouraged. For example, a list of initiatives of the Science and Technology Ministry is as follows:-

- Science exhibitions : Science Express, Mobile planetariums, science exhibitions & technology demonstration
- Programmes for children : Children's science congress (CSC), Motivational programmes, lecture-cum-demonstration series; Nature Science Activity Camps
- Programmes for science teachers: National teacher's science congress (NTSC), Modules on Resource Teachers' Training, Map learning & Resource optimization; Detection of adulteration in foodstuffs; Management of solid waste through vermi composting
- Vigyan jatha, Celebration of the National Science Day, Celebration of thematic events, years
- Occupational health hazards for women workers;
- Science writing & media practices: Short term training programmes, Long term courses in science communication; Post Graduate Courses in universities in mass communication and science journalism
- Publications: Popular science magazines & Journals; Posters, wall Planners, Manuals,
- `Eco- WaSH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) Awareness & literacy`
- Communicating health: Women & Child - Health & Nutrition - A Community Radio Initiative.

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