

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 680  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/02/2011**

**PLAGIARISM IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

**680. SHRI UDAY SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether plagiarism in scientific research is on the rise in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the preventive/punitive action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to stop this practice?

**ANSWER**

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

**(ASHWANI KUMAR)**

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री; संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
(अश्वनी कुमार)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Stray incidences of plagiarism by Indian researchers in scientific research have been noticed. All R&D institutions have instituted mechanisms to take suitable preventive/punitive actions to stop this practice. Some punitive actions taken include suspension, demotion, denial of R&D project and withdrawal of fellowship. A well evolved methodology for monitoring R&D projects including a process of clearing research output for publication is put in place in R&D institutions as a preventive measure.

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