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S. N o.	Question No.	Subject	Received on	Reply sent to Department of Biotechnology	Pending Reply
01	Rajya Sabha Starred Dy. No. 1480	Input for Starred Question for the Rajya Sabha; a) Whether Government has appointed more employees on contractual basis than regular/permanent appointments since 2019 till date; b) if so, the reasons for decline in regular/permanent appointments in Central Government; c) if not, the number of contractual appointments and regular/permanent appointments in Central Government separately since 2019 till 1st November, 2024, Ministry/Department/PSU-wise and year-wise?	18.11.2024	18.11.2024	0
02	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Number (tentative) 1244 (Dy.No. S109)	Rajya Sabha admitted Unstarred Question Number (tentative) 1244 (Dy.No. S109) for 05.12.2024 regarding "Salary of scientists" reg. a) Whether the salaries of scientists under various scientific and research institutions in the country are lower than the bureaucrats in the equal ranks? b) If so, the details and the reasons? c) Whether in many developed and developing countries the salaries of scientists are much more than the bureaucrats in the same rank? d) If so, will the government enhance the salaries of the scientists to incentivize them? e) If no, the reasons?	28.11.2024	29.11.2024	0
03	Rajya Sabha Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- U3692	Rajya Sabha Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- U3692 For -- 12/12/2024 Regarding "Posts Under The Ministry"- reg. a) How many posts are vacant in the agencies and institutions under the Ministry of Science and Technology b) How many recruitments have been done in the last 4 years? c) How many new posts have been created in the last 4 years?	29.11.2024	02.02.2024	0

04	Rajya Sabha Questionnaire -I (Q. No. 35)	<p>Furnishing of replies iro AI/PSU to the Questionnaire-I (Q.No. 35) on Demands for Grant (2025-26)- reg.</p> <p>Kindly provide the category-wise details of sanctioned strength, in-position strength and vacancies in the Department along with PSUs/CPSEs/Autonomous Bodies under the Department. When was the last recruitment exercise conducted?</p> <p>What is the impact of manpower shortage, if any, on the functioning of the Department and PSUs/CPSEs/Autonomous Bodies under the Department? How the Department is planning to overcome this issue.</p>	23.01.2025	23.01.2025	0
05	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Parliament Question Diary No. U5530	<p>Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred Parliament Question Diary No. U5530 due for answer on 27.03.2025 regarding “Scientists in Administrative Roles”.</p> <p>a) the number of Scientists within the Ministry’s purview who currently hold administrative positions, such as directors , vice chancellors, or department heads, along with their respective designation and institutes;</p> <p>b) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of scientists holding dual roles as researchers and administrators in the efficiency and effectiveness of Scientific research and administration; and</p> <p>c) if so, the key findings of such assessment and the measures proposed or implemented to address any identified challenges?</p>	29.01.2025	29.01.2025	0
06	Starred Question for the Rajya Sabha	<p>Questionnaire-II on Demands for Grants (2025-26) - reg. The details of staff hired on contractual basis by the Department along with PSUs/CPSEs/Autonomous Bodies under the Department. The reasons for hiring the staff on contractual basis instead of going for permanent recruitment</p>	10.02.2025	10.02.2025	0
07	PSC on Science & Technology: Demands for Grants (2025-26)	<p>Questionnaire raised by PSC on Science & Technology: Demands for Grants (2025-26)</p> <p>(i) What are the long-term plans to address, the reliance on contractual staff particularly in autonomous institutions and PSUs?</p> <p>(ii) Are there any plans to convert contractual positions into permanent roles to ensure continuity and expertise retention?</p>	25.02.2025	25.02.2025	0

08	Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Parliament Question Diary No. U4441	<p>Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Parliament Question Diary No. U4441 due for answer 20.03.2025 regarding "Posts under the ministry".</p> <p>a) How many seats are vacant in the agencies and institutions under the Ministry of Science and Technology</p> <p>b) How many recruitments have been done in the last 4 years?</p> <p>c) How many new posts have been created in the last 4 years?</p>	10.03.2025	10.03.2025	0
09	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Parliament Question Diary No. U5530	<p>Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred/Unstarred Parliament Question Diary No. U5530 due for answer on 27.03.2025 regarding "Data on R&D and Ministry Staff"</p> <p>The data on the number of research personnel, including scientists, faculty and researchers along with projections for future requirements?</p>	17.03.2025	18.03.2025	0
10	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Parliament Question Diary No. 3455	<p>Inputs for Rajya Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question Diary No. 3455 due for answer on 01.04.2025 regarding "Impact of long COVID"</p> <p>a) whether Government has conducted or commissioned any nationwide study on the prevalence and impact of Long COVID in the country;</p> <p>b) If so the details and key findings of such studies, including the number of individuals affected, categorized by severity and symptoms;</p> <p>c) the number of reported Long COVID cases, alongwith the methodology used for identification and reporting, state-wise</p> <p>d) Whether specific treatment guidelines or rehabilitation programs have been formulated to address Long COVID symptoms and if so, the details thereof; and</p> <p>e) the steps taken to integrate Long COVID diagnosis and treatment into existing healthcare infrastructure, including support for affected individual ?</p>	27.03.2025	27.03.2025	0

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1	Starred Question for the Rajya Sabha	Input for Starred Question for the Rajya Sabha a) No. of women researchers working in the institute b) Total no. of researchers working in the institute	05.02.2021	05.02.2021	0
2	Lok Sabha Question Dairy No. 2347	Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 2347 regarding "Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs)" for 05.02.2021 -reg. a) Whether all the Central Government Departments and PSUs have constituted Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) against the backdrop of sexual harassment of women at work place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act notified by Govt. of India, 2013; b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for. c) The total number of sexual harassment complaints filed, resolved and pending in the Departments of the Central Govt. before the respective ICCs since 2013; d) Whether co-operative institutions in Kerala have constituted the ICCs to look into such cases; e) If so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and f) Whether penalty for non-compliance with provisions provided under Section 26 of the said Act have been imposed on employees if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof	01.02.2021	01.02.2021	0
3	Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1235	Assurance in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1235 for 27.07.2018 on 'Non-filing of Counter and Reply Affidavits by various Government Department and affiliated' asked by Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, MP-reg a) Whether it is a fact that several cases are pending in various High Courts and the Supreme Court due to non-filing of Counter and Reply Affidavits by various Government Ministries /Departments, PSU's and other Government bodies; b) if so, the details thereof; and	27.01.2021	27.01.2021	0

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		c) whether there are any specific instructions from the Government on how to deal with court cases and regarding filing of Counter and Reply Affidavits where various Government agencies were arrayed as respondents?			
4	Parliamentary Standing Committee	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions - pension related grievances pending in tribunals and court of law in various Ministries/ Departments/ Organisations.-reg	24.12.2020	24.12.2020	0
5	Rajya Sabha Dairy No. U5046	Noticeboard.dbt] Rajya Sabha D. No. U5046 (Measures taken to bring India among top five global scientific powers a) whether Government has fixed any target to possible India among top five global scientific powers; b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government to achieve this stage; c) whether Government motivates scientific to carryout important innovations as per global standards, if so, the details thereof along with the budget allocated for this purpose; and d) the steps taken by Government to encourage scientists to develop vision on these lines?	22.09.2020	23.09.2020	0
6	Lok Sabha starred/unstarred question D.No. 12656	Lok Sabha starred/unstarred question D.No. 12656 regarding "Attrition of Scientists" to be answered on 27.03.2020 -reg a) Whether the Government is aware of the attrition of scientists from research institutions and laboratories and if so, the details thereof; b)Whether there is any system of holding exit interviews of scientists who indicate their willingness to quit research institution and laboratories; and c)If so, the details thereof?	20.03.2020	23.03.2020	0

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7	Parliament Question No. U4338 & U4339 - reg.-	<p>Parliament Question No. U4338 & U4339 -reg.-</p> <p><u>U4338</u></p> <p>a) The amount being allocated to the National Institute of Immunology by the Government since 2014, year-wise b) Whether there is any other source from which this institution receives money, if so , the details of such sources and funding: c) Whether audits are conducted by this institution if no, the details thereof d) the details of Last Audit done e) the details of fund utilization in the National Institute of Immunology and demands for grants by it to Government since 2014</p> <p><u>U4339</u></p> <p>a) the details of patent, foreign collaboration and technology transfer in the National Institute of Immunology since 2014; b) whether there is any complaint or case against any scientist or scientists on the unauthorized transfer of technology without proper sanction from the Ministry or Departments, if so, details of such cases and the actions taken by Government on this regard; c) the details of actions taken by Government on such complaints or cases; and d) the details of such cases came against the scientists in National Institute of Immunology since its establishment and the actions taken by the government on it?</p>	18.03.2020	16.04.2020	0
8	Starred/ Unstarred question Dairy No. S1934)	<p>Most Urgent: Inputs to Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred question (Dy. No S1934) on 'Gender equality in STEM'</p> <p>a) Whether the Ministry's decision to grade higher institutions on the basis of gender equality will help bring more women into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) fields, if so, the details thereof;</p>	18.03.2020	19.03.2020	0

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9	Rajya Sabha Question Dairy No. U3028	<p>Most Urgent Inputs to Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No U3028 regarding Gender Imbalance in R & D Sector</p> <p>a) whether it is a fact that there are only 15 per cent women Indian Research and Development workforce and lack of practical knowledge for students; b) the reasons behind this huge gender imbalance in the field; and c) the steps taken by Government to provide better experiment facilities and financial support to emerging women scientists?</p>	05.03.2020	06.03.2020	0
10	Rajya Sabha Diary No. S1884	<p>Provisionally admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Diary No. S1884 for answer on 11.02.2020 regarding representation of scientists from SCs & STs - seeking inputs-Reg.</p> <p>a) Whether it is a fact that scientists from the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes communities are grossly underrepresented in scientific institutions, if so, the reasons therefore; and b) whether it is also a fact that the representation of people from these communities is very poor and even below the mandatory reservation percentage provided to them, if so, the details thereof?</p>	30.01.2020	31.01.2020	0

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1	Diary No. 1087	<p><u>Equal Pay for Equal work-reg.-</u></p> <p>i) The status on whether all Government Departments/PSUs/Corporations under the Central Government are complying with the Delhi High Court order regarding 'Equal Pay for Equal Work' for casual workers;</p> <p>ii) If not, the details thereof; and</p> <p>iii) The action taken by the Government to rectify the situation?</p>	11.02.2020	11.02.2020	0
2	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 61	<p><u>'Appointment of Senior Counsel and special Advocates' raised by Shri Bharathi Mohan R.K. MP. -reg.-</u></p> <p>i) Whether the Government has appointed new senior counsels and special advocates for various ministerial departments, their allied officers, autonomous bodies Public Sector Undertakings and Public Sector Bodies;</p> <p>ii) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;</p> <p>iii) Whether the Government is following any transparent system in the appointment of Associate Solicitor Generals, Assistant Solicitor Generals and Panel Advocates to various High Courts in the country; and iv) If, so, the details thereof;</p>	30.01.2020	30.01.2020	0
3	Diary No. S5147	<p><u>Setting up of 'Internal Complaints Committee' -reg</u></p> <p>i) Whether Government has set up an Internal Complaints Committee in each of its Ministries and other workplaces that fall under requirement for having an ICC;</p> <p>ii) What is the total number of complaints filed with ICCs across Government,</p>	06.12.2019	06.12.2019	0

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		<p>Ministries and other workshop iii)In how many of the complaint has the allegation been found to be correct;</p> <p>iv)What action has been taking against those found guilty by the ICC in Government, Ministries and other workshop ;</p> <p>v)The data thereof, Ministry-wise?</p>			
4	Provisionally Admitted Starred/ Unstarred Question Dairy No. S 5084	<p><u>Rajya Sabha Question</u></p> <p>i) The no. of full time consultants and / or advisors who are currently working with the Ministry and it's various departments and autonomous bodies/institutions and public sector organisations associated with it as of 31st August 2019.</p> <p>ii) Since when are they working and what is the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being awarded to them, department institution - wise details</p> <p>iii)the details of mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?</p>	02.12.2019	03.12.2019	0
5	Rajya Sabha Question No. S3813	<p><u>Patents filed by Indian Scientific Organization</u></p> <p>i)The number of patents that have been filed by Indian Scientific Organisations/Institutions and how many have been granted over the past ten years, year-wise and organization/institution-wise;</p> <p>ii)The number of scientists/ researchers who have been employed by Indian Scientific Organizations / Institutions presently and the total expenditure towards them, year-wise and Organization / Institution-wise; and</p> <p>iii)The plans to improve the scientific research and development in India with special focus on innovation?</p>	29.11.2019	29.11.2019	0

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6	Lok Sabha Question No.2244	<u>Lok Sabha Question reg.</u> i) The number of posts lying vacant in the Research Institutes of Govt. of India; ii)The steps taken by the Government to fill these posts; iii)The number of Research Centres set up in Bihar; iv)Whether new Research Centres are likely to be set up; v)If so, the details thereof?	28.11.2019	28.11.2019	0
7	Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 1227	<u>"High expenses on government litigation" raised by Hon'ble Member Shri Amar Patnaik reg.-.</u> i)The details of the expenditure on lawyers fees and other related expenses incurred by Government on litigation where Government is a party during the last three years; and ii)The details of the expenditure on lawyers fees and other expenses incurred by Government on litigation initiated by it, as well as litigation for disputes inter-se Government Ministries, Department and Public Sector Undertakings during the last three years; iii)The details of steps taken by Government to reduce expenditure on litigation.	27.11.2019	28.11.2019	0
8	Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No S1885	<u>Participation of women in scientific research and development reg.-</u> i)No. of Female Scientists (as on 22.11.2019) ii)No. of Male Scientists (as on 22.11.2019) iii)Percentage of Women Scientists (as on 22.11.2019)	22.11.2019	28.11.2019	0

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9	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. NO. 2179	<u>'Technological Products' reg.-</u> i) Whether Science and Technology Institutes have commercially launched their technological products in the market during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; ii) Whether any special step has been taken by the Government to encourage research projects to provide commercial benefits to the scientists and if so. The details thereof; and iii) Whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch any product with the collaboration of research institutions of foreign countries and if so, the details thereof?	15.11.2019	15.11.2019	0
10	Lok Sabha Q. No.2564	<u>SC/ST Scientist-reg</u> i) No. of regular Scientists ii) No. of SC/ST Scientists iii) Total no. of Recruited Scientists in the last five years	24.09.2019	25.09.2019	0
11	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. No. 7422	<u>Recorded Innovations -reg.-</u> i) The details of the funds allocated for Research and Development during the year 2013-14 and utilized so far, institution-wise; ii) The details of the number of innovations recorded during the last five years, year and field-wise; iii) Whether the research institutions in the country are unable to provide adequate facilities and competent faculty to train young brains to undertake innovations in the field of science and technology; iv) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore ; and v) The steps being taken / proposed to be	19.07.2019	19.07.2019	0

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		taken by the Union Government to scale up innovations in the field of science and technology in the country?			
12	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. No. 3713	<p><u>'Vacant Post of Scientist' reg.-</u></p> <p>i)The number of posts of scientists lying vacant in top scientific institutes of the country, institute / laboratory-wise;</p> <p>ii)The steps being taken by the Government to fill up such vacancies</p> <p>iii)The details of the scheme formulated by the Government to encourage women scientists in the country along with the outcome of the said scheme during the last five years;</p> <p>iv)Whether the Government has any scheme to provide opportunity through fellowship to the students of the schools and colleges in the country to work in top laboratories of the country on the lines of America and Europe, if so, the number of young scientists invited in this regard; and</p> <p>v)The details of the laboratories which are participating in this work?</p>	05.07.2019	08.07.2019	0
13	Lok Sabha Question No. 4563	<p><u>Cancer Research</u></p> <p>i)Whether the Government is working on any other research works related to cancer; and</p> <p>ii)If so, the details thereof</p>	04.07.2019	04.07.2019	0
14	Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1256	<p><u>Internal Complaints Committee given by Ministry of Women and Child Development-reg.</u></p> <p>i)Whether all the Central Government Departments and PSUs have constituted Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) to prevent sexual harassment at workplace, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore</p>	03.07.2019	04.07.2019	0

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		<p>ii)The total number of sexual harassment complaints filed by employees of departments of the Central Governments before the respective ICCs since 2013</p> <p>iii)Whether it is true that ICCs have not completed the investigation into such complaints within the statutorily mandated period and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such pending cases</p> <p>iv)The action taken or being taken against such ICCs of Central Government/departments that have failed to submit their investigation reports within statutorily mandated period</p> <p>v)The number of employees of Central Government/departments officials that have been suspended or dismissed on charges of sexual harassment, since 2013, and</p> <p>vi) Whether the judiciary falls under the purview of Women at Workplace(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 and if so, the details of ICCs in High Court and if not the reasons therefore?</p>			
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