

Open access repositories for research publications

758. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory for institutions performing research in our country to set up open access repositories for research publications done in their institutions;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has any monitoring mechanism to watch over these institutions; and
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry has any proposal to create such open access to research materials?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration to make mandatory for institutions to set up open access system and repositories for research publications. The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) of the Ministry has been promoting open access by motivating its scientists to archive the pre-prints of publications in open access repositories maintained at each of its constituent laboratories and at a central harvester, while encouraging its scientists to publish in the best journals, including in the open access journals.

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759. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) and the Indian Council for Medical (ICMR) adopt the policy of publishing the research papers conducted under their funding for free access to scientists;
- (b) whether any of Government agencies, carrying out research in its own laboratories or funding research carried out by other organizations such as universities and colleges, adopt such an open access policy; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has been promoting open access by motivating its scientists to archive the pre-prints of publications in