account and it does not require his/her physical presence in the pension disbursing bank to get his/her pension/family pension. The amount of pension/family pension can be withdrawn by him/her like any other amount from the bank. Further, a pensioner/family pensioner need not visit the bank even for submitting Life Certificate, which can either be submitted on-line through Aadhaar-based biometric authentication or be signed by a person designated by the Government for this purpose. In case a pensioner sends intimation about his serious illness/incapacitation supported by a medical certificate, a nominee of the paying branch of the bank visits the pensioner at home/hospital for recording his life certificate.

Growth of research proposal from women under KIRAN

2093. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steady growth of proposals under Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN) Scheme from the women scientists, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of proposals received and recommended under the scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY): (a) Yes, Sir. There is steady growth in proposals from the women scientists under Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN) scheme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST). DST received 689 proposals in 2013-14, 882 proposals in 2014-15 and 1012 proposals in 2015-16 under KIRAN from women scientists.

(b) Number of proposals received and recommended under the scheme during last three years, State-wise are given below:

States/ Union Territories	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	Received	Recomm-ended	Received	Recomm-ended	Received	Recomm-ended
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	115	25	94	11	42	13
Arunachal Pradesh			1	-	2	1
Assam	13	3	11	4	24	3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bihar	2	-	2	-	3	2
Chandigarh	6	2	4	1	10	3
Chhattisgarh	1	-	5	-	6	-
Daman and Diu	-	-	-	-	1	-
Delhi	44	21	56	13	75	21
Gujarat	22	8	26	8	32	13
Goa	3	1	4	3	3	2
Haryana	22	5	27	6	23	11
Himachal Pradesh	6	1	7	2	12	1
Jammu and Kashmir	19	6	14	2	26	5
Jharkhand	2	-	7	1	12	-
Karnataka	48	14	47	18	65	15
Kerala	31	8	33	10	38	6
Madhya Pradesh	18	10	29	3	35	3
Maharashtra	61	20	86	31	91	26
Manipur	7	6	13	5	15	3
Meghalaya	-	-	2	-	1	-
Mizoram	-	-	2	1	1	1
Odisha	16	9	26	9	21	17
Pondicherry	2	1	3	1	3	3
Punjab	18	3	30	10	27	7
Rajasthan	15	3	26	1	41	8
Sikkim	3	-	-	-	-	-
Telangana	-	-	37	28	52	39
Tripura	-	-	4	3	3	2
Tamil Nadu	82	23	116	30	124	25
Uttar Pradesh	67	37	97	23	144	22
Uttarakhand	8	3	13	-	18	3
West Bengal	58	14	60	23	62	33
TOTAL	689	223	882	247	1012	288