158	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	U_{i}	nstarred Questions
1	2	3	4	.5
30.	Sikar	567	184	751
31.	Sirohi	150	40	190
32.	Tonk	261	104	365
33.	Udaipur	338	87	425
	Total	12119	4104	16223

Ushering 2020 as 'Year of Artificial Intelligence' by Telangana

- 531. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether State Government of Telangana is ushering in 2020 as the State's Tear of Artificial Intelligence' as the State has been at the forefront of applying emerging technologies such as AI, blockchain and drones, if so, the details thereof;
 - (b) the role of MeitY, Niti Aayog in developing the State in AI; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to formulate Al-specific incentives for its overall development in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DHOTRE SANJAY SHAMRAO): (a) The matter pertains to Government of Telangana and as per the information received from State Government; Government of Telangana has declared 2020 as the year of Artificial Intelligence. Throughout the year Government plans to conduct various activities related to application of AI in different fields by involving private companies, academic institutions and startups.

- (b) MeitY along with Government of Telangana, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and others is going to establish Centre of Excellence on Gaming, VFX (Visual Effects), Computer vision and AI at Hyderabad. The centre will nurture and develop the ecosystem for innovation in Gaming, VFX, Computer Vision and AI Industry. Also, as per the information received from State Government, Government of Telangana has signed a Letter of Intent with NITI Aayog on 3rd July, 2018 to identify AI based projects that can be implemented in the State.
- (c) No, Sir, no such Al-specific incentives have been formulated for State of Telangana.