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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 87th Indian Science Congress was held in New Delhi recently;
- (b) If so, the deliberations made therein;
- (c) whether the Government have increased the investment on R&D from 0.82 per cent to 2 per cent of GDP;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to strengthen the cooperative network between different agencies involved in R&D; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) The 87th Session of Indian Science Congress was held in January 2000 at Pune University.
- (b) The deliberations held during 87th Session of the Indian Science Congress at Pune centred around the Focal Theme - `Indian Science & Technology into the next millenium`. There were presentations on the current topics of research in different branches of science and engineering. Discussions were also held on the focal theme by various Sections, Committees and Fora of the Indian Science Congress Association.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) The Government of India have been active in strengthening the cooperative network between the different agencies involved in R&D and also by the initiatives/programmes of DST, TIFAC, DSIR and R&D institutions and networking, by issuing orders from time to time.