

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH COLLABORATION BETWEEN INDIAN SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND SCIENTISTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is launching a new programme to facilitate research collaboration between the social scientists in India and social scientists of Indian origin settled abroad;
- (b) if so, whether the research under the programme will be confined to topics aimed at generating policy directions for India;
- (c) if so, the main objectives of the said programme; and
- (d) the extent to which the Government are confident of achieving its objectives?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ( DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI )

(a) to (d) A National Seminar on Sustainable Economic, Social and Political Reforms in the Information Age was held on 15-17 January, 2001 and there was a discussion on Research Attracting Participation of Indian Diaspora (RAPID). The Council invited proposals to undertake research from Indian social scientists and social scientists of Indian Diaspora on Sustainable Economic, Social and Political Reforms in the Information Age. As per the MOA of ICSSR, the Council invites proposals on research themes in social sciences from Indian Scholars and scholars from abroad from time to time.