

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH ON DEFENCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the DRDO has signed an agreement with University of Pune to explore ancient Indian texts for any scientific knowledge;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the DRDO has also tied up with other Universities for joint research for defence purposes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps proposed to expand such joint efforts;
- (f) whether DRDO propose to fund universities for research on defence subjects; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is actively collaborating with 40 Universities for 75 defence related projects through Memoranda of Collaboration, Contracts and Grants-in-Aid.
- (e) It is proposed to further deepen this collaborative interaction with universities.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is funding universities for research through schemes such as: Extramural Research Scheme, Aeronautical Research and Development Board, Armament Research Board, Naval Research Board, Life Sciences Research Board and Contracts for Acquisition of Research Services (CARS).