

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable decline in the scientific research;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that scientists of little known universities have shown better performance than the scientists of premier institutes of technology;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have examined the reasons for decline in the quality of scientific research; and
- (e) if so, steps taken by the Government to check this trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) & (b): Views have been expressed at different fora indicating that there has been a decline in scientific research.
- (c) to (e): No, Sir. However, taking note of these concerns, a set of new initiatives have been taken by the Government to strengthen research activities in Universities and Academic Institutions through schemes like Fund for improvement of infrastructure for S&T in Universities and related institutions; Support to research in less endowed institutions; encouragement to young scientists etc.