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

- (a) whether it is correct that R&D efforts in the country is largely aimless and working without any specific time-bound objectives;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) No, Sir. The R&D activities in the country are primarily carried out by the various scientific departments/ agencies through their laboratories, autonomous institutions and through various academic institutions. The R&D efforts are mission oriented and have clear objectives. The R&D efforts in the country are continuously monitored through rigorous peer-review mechanism to ensure specific time-bound objectives.