

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total expenditure on research related projects in science and technology incurred by the Government during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the names of the research institutions and universities engaged in research projects during 1999-2000; and
- (c) the areas identified for providing financial assistance in the scientific research sector?

Answer

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

(a) The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has been collating information on sponsored Research and Development (R&D) projects funded by various Central Government Departments/Agencies. According to this compilation available upto 1997-98, the amount approved for funding sponsored R&D projects by various Central Government Departments/Agencies has been Rs. 161.98 crores, Rs. 186.46 crores and Rs. 218.57 crores for 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 respectively. The year-wise amount approved for sponsored research projects has been continuously increasing. .

(b) According to statistical compilation 544 institutions from various universities and affiliated colleges, deemed universities, institutes of national importance, national laboratories and other autonomous research institutions in the country are engaged in sponsored research projects. The names of all these institutions are available in the directory published by the Department of Science and Technology on 'Extramural Research and Development Projects approved for funding by Selected Central Government Agencies/Departments during 1997-98'.

(c) The broad areas of scientific research identified for financial assistance are chemical sciences, earth and atmospheric sciences, engineering & technology, mathematical sciences, biological sciences, agricultural sciences, medical sciences and physical sciences,