

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1378  
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FUND FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any fund has been set up to improve the level of Science and Technology education;
- (b) if so, the amount allocated and utilized from the said fund so far;
- (c) whether any amount has been allocated or proposed to be allocated to any University of Gujarat from this fund;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

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

(a) According to the information furnished by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), a Fund for improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other higher educational institutions has been created to improve the quality of research and teaching. An amount of Rs.21.00 crore has been allocated for the programme for 2000-2001.

(b) to (e): The Scheme was announced in February, 2000 and the proposals received thereunder are under examination.