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RESEARCH WORK BY UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether research work has been dissociated from the Universities during the last few years as a result of which no significant research work is being undertaken by the Universities;
- (b) if so, the efforts made to encourage research in Universities during the last three years;
- (c) the amount spent under the scheme particularly in Rajasthan, State-wise; and
- (d) the efforts being made for providing seats to the researchers in the Universities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b): While research work has not been dissociated from the universities, in order to strengthen basic scientific research in universities, a Task Force was constituted by Government under the Chairmanship of Prof.M.M. Sharma. The recommendations of the Task Force have been accepted by Government. The Task Force has been converted to an Empowered Committee to implement the recommendations.

(c): An amount of Rs.2.00 crore has been sanctioned by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to Rajasthan University during 2007-08.

(d): According to the information furnished by the UGC, ten fellowships each to the Departments of Zoology, Physics and Chemistry of Rajasthan University have been allocated under one of the Schemes of Basic Scientific Research, namely, " Research Fellowship in Sciences for Meritorious Students".