

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the funds allocated for Scientific Research and Development during the last three years and the amount utilised therefrom;
- (b) the details of Research and Development Projects which are being delayed due to lack of funds;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the funds for Scientific Research and Development in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) The details of funds allocated and utilized for Scientific Research & Development by the Departments of Ministry of Science & Technology during the last three years are Annexed.

(b) There is no delay in the Research and Development (R&D) projects due to lack of funds.

(c) & (d): According to available official statistics, the investment in the field of Scientific Research & Development in the country is less than 1% of GDP. Government is contemplating to increase investment on R&D in the public and private sector to 2% of GDP by the end of 12th Five Year Plan, through various measures which include:

# Higher allocation to scientific research,

# Setting up of new institutions for science education and research,

# Creation of centres of excellence and facilities in emerging and frontline areas in academic and national institutes,

# Strengthening infrastructure for R&D in universities,

# Encouraging public-private R&D partnerships,

# Grants for industrial R&D projects, and

# Income tax relief on R&D expenditure, weighted tax deduction for sponsored research, custom duty exemption on goods imported for use in Government funded R&D projects, tax holiday and national awards for outstanding R&D.