

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:648

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2011

FUNDS FOR ICSSR

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocation/financial assistance made available to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) during 2010-11 and 2011-12;
- (b) whether inadequate funds were allocated to the ICSSR;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Deepak Nayyar Committee appointed by the Government to make a comprehensive review of the ICSSR has submitted its report;
- (e) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report; and
- (f) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the said recommendations?

Answer

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

(a): The details of the budget allocations/financial assistance during the years 2010-11 & 2011-12 are given as under:

Year	Budget	Actual amount
(Rs. in		disbursed (Rs.in
crore)		crore)

	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
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2010-11	28.00	57.12	85.12	85.095
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2011-12	34.00	37.89	71.89	23.68@
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Difference of Rs. 0.025 crore carried forward and adjusted

@Amount disbursed till 31/7/2011

(b) & (c) No, Sir. The budgetary allocation of the Council (ICSSR) is decided in consultation with the Council subject to availability of funds in the Ministry. The higher budgetary allocation under the Non-Plan Head in 2010-11 when compared with that in 2011-12 is due to inclusion of arrears on account of pay revision of employees of the Council and its funded institutions pursuant to 6th Pay Commission.

(d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The three-member Committee, comprising Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Dr. Bakul Dholakia and Dr. Kirit S Parikh, set up by the Government to review the functioning of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) has submitted their report to the

Government which is presently under consideration. Recommendations of the Committee include change in the present architecture of the Council that includes equating pay of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors of the Council to the level of that of Vice Chancellor and Professors under the UGC pay scales, respectively; wide dissemination of research proposals to improve quality of research and build social science research capabilities; increased financial assistance to ICSSR and the institutes funded through ICSSR.