

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the activities of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) during the last three years;
- (b) the details of progressive output made by ICSSR since last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the system of ICSSR towards the scientific and industrial development?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in 1969 for promoting Social Science research - strengthening of different disciplines, improving quality and quantum of Social Science research and its utilization in national policy formulation. To realize these objectives, the Council has been providing financial assistance for conducting research projects, for awarding research fellowships, for holding training courses in research methodology in the Social Sciences, for organizing national and international seminars/conferences, for conducting survey of research in different disciplines of the Social Sciences; providing documentation services to scholars; and establishing collaborative linkages with social scientists in other countries.

The details of progressive output by ICSSR, as obtained from the Council, for the last three years, are as under:

S. No	Programme/activity	Unit	Output	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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1	Research Grants for projects	No. of projects	148	160	160	
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2	Research Fellowships	No. of fellowships	220	186	201	
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3a	Grants to Research Institutes	No. of institutes	25	25	25	
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3b	Grants to Regional Centres of ICSSR	No. of centres	6	6	6	
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4	International Collaboration					
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a)	Cultural Exchange Programme	No. of programmes	39	39	31	
b)	Education Exchange Programme			16	22	26
c)	Bilateral Programme			26	29	50
d)	Participation in meetings/	No. of cases	2	6	8	

events/conferences of internal agencies					
e) Financial Assistance for attending conference			56	43	35
f) Data Collection Abroad	No. of persons	6	6	5	
g) Visit of distinguished scholars from abroad			1		1 2
h) Grants for organizing international seminars in India	No. of cases	39	34	13	
5 Documentation Services	No. of cases	4170	4500	4321	
6 Publication publication	No. of	11	12	14	
Publication Grant	No. of cases	62	75	85	
7 Training in research methodology & computer applications	No. of persons trained	19	18	20	
8 Grants for National Seminars	No. of cases	48	74	83	
9 North East Programme	Amount in Rs. Lakh	226.32	248.23	273.31	

(c) The main objectives of ICSSR as per their Memorandum of Association are to review the progress of Social Science research and to give advice to its users in Government or outside; to administer grants to institutions and individuals for research in Social Sciences; to provide technical assistance for formulation of Social Sciences research programmes, and to coordinate research activities in the field of Social Sciences, and, therefore, it indirectly promotes economic growth through social development and research. However, the objectives of ICSSR are not directly related to scientific and industrial development, for which there are special agencies like Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) set up by the Government.