

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

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REVIEW OF ICSSR  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to revamp and review the functioning of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details of the findings of the Committee;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring qualitative improvements in the functions of ICSSR; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b). Yes, Sir. A Committee of three members consisting of Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Dr. Bakul Dholakia and Dr. Kirit S. Parikh was constituted to review the functioning of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

(c) & (d). Yes, Sir. The findings and recommendations of the Committee include change in the present architecture of the Council including equating pay of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors of the Council to that of Vice Chancellor and Professors under the University Grants Commission (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.

(e) & (f). Quality improvement in the functioning of ICSSR is a continuous process. The Government has been enhancing allocations to ICSSR depending on need. Substantial enhancement has been proposed in 12th Plan. ICSSR is continuously endeavouring to enhance its efforts on promotion of social sciences research in the country by different means, including research grants and scholarships etc.