

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATIONS FOR R & D
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has taken any steps to allocate at least one per cent of the gross domestic product for research and development activities in industrial sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINSTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR.ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the Approach Paper for the 12th Five Year Plan, it is envisaged to increase R&D expenditure to 2% of GDP by the end of the 12th Plan. This could consist of about 1% in the public sector and 1% in the corporate sector, including PSUs. At present, the resources devoted to R&D by our large public sector organizations are far too small.

(c): does not arise.