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

(a) whether the Government proposes to give more importance to research and development by involving the State Governments in a big way;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether the Government is considering to give grants to State Governments to undertake research and development activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Science and Technology has been providing funding support for Research and Development (R&D) projects to R&D Institutions, Universities, Voluntary Organizations, State Science & Technology Councils and other autonomous organizations in various States. According to available official statistics, the Union Government has funded 2781, 3515 and 4808 research and development projects at a total cost of Rs.1072.08 crores, 1467.19 crores and 1270.70 crores during the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. However, in the XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017), a special thrust has been provided for Centre-State Technology Partnerships by assisting the states in adoption and propagation of technologies for public and social goods - agriculture, public health, environment, energy and water related areas.