

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that adequate funds are required to Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR);
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided to increase the financial allocation/assistance to ICSSR;
- (c) if so, the proposed allocation for ICSSR in the 12th plan period, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is true that many institutes have been funded through ICSSR;
- (e) if so, the details of these institutes;
- (f) whether there is any effective supervisory mechanism in place to review the functions of these institutions; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Annual Plan Allocation of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the year 2012-13 has been increased to Rs. 100.00 crores from an allocation of Rs. 34.00 crores in 2011-12.
- (c): The 12th Plan Period Allocations have not been finalized by the Government of India. No state-wise allocations are made by ICSSR.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The list of Institutes is placed at Annexure I.
- (f) & (g): ICSSR has reported that it periodically reviews its Research Institutes through a duly constituted Review Committee consisting of eminent social scientists. ICSSR has representation on the Governing Board and Finance Committee of each Research Institute to oversee the administrative and financial policies of these institutes. ICSSR reviews the research activities of each Research Institute in the annual meeting of Directors of these Research Institutes, gets their Annual Reports along with their annual audited statement of accounts and utilization certificates.

ICSSR has conducted comprehensive review of its Research Institutes 5 times so far. First Review was done in 1974 at the beginning of the 5th Five year Plan period. The Second Review was done during the period 1977 to 1979. The Third Review Committee reviewed the activities of the research institutes for the period of 7th Five year Plan. The Fourth Review Committee conducted the review in 1997 and the Fifth Review Committee reviewed the research institutes during the period 2005 to 2008.