

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENGAGING NGOS IN RESEARCH WORK
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has awarded research tenders to consultants, NGOs, educational and research organizations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether the research tenders have been put on the website of the Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (f) the details of the internal process in deciding the subject matter of research tenders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Planning Commission under its Socio Economic Research (SER) Scheme provides grants-in-aid to Universities, registered Organizations and Researchers for undertaking research studies, seminars and bringing out publications, which are relevant for the programmes and policies of the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission identifies thrust areas and topics for research studies to be conducted under the SER Scheme which are put on the website of Planning Commission. The details of research proposals sanctioned and completed in the last three years are given below:

Year Study Proposals Seminar Proposals Publication Proposals

2009-10	15	20	1
2010-11	13	41	1
2011-12	34	37	-
Total#	62 (44)	97 (89)	2 (2)

#Figures in brackets indicate the completion of studies, seminars and publications.

(c) to (f) : Under the SER Scheme research proposals received by the Planning Commission are examined on case to case basis in accordance with the SER Guidelines. SER Division processes proposals in consultation with the Subject Matter Divisions and Finance Division which are placed before the Group-of-Advisers under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary, Planning Commission for approval.