

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

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of setting up of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);
- (b) the research activities of council during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided to the council during the above period?

**Answer**

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

(a): The aims and objectives of setting up of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) have been to give proper direction to Historical Research and to encourage and foster scientific writing of History.

(b): ICHR is engaged in conducting workshops, seminars and symposia in subjects like Historical Thinking, Historiography and Research Methodology, etc. in addition to funding research. It is also engaged in the following research projects that include publishing the results of research:

- (i) Towards Freedom Project
- (ii) Documents on Economic History of British Rule in India(1858 to 1947)
- (iii) 1857 Project
- (iv) Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle (1857 to 1947)

The details of research activities of the ICHR during the last three years and the current year, as obtained from the Council, are given below:-

(In numbers)

Sr. Activities 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10  
No.

1. Research Projects 57 45 44 43

2. National Fellowships - 04 04 04

3. Senior Academic Fellowships 17 15 24 21

4. Post Doctoral Fellowships 15 26 39 42

5. Junior Research 336 362 421 342  
Fellowships

6. Foreign Travel 19 34 64 40  
Grants

7. Study cum 69 123 124 78  
Travel Grants

8. Seminar/ 60 88 103 75  
Symposia

9. Special 07 08 06 04  
Lectures  
organized

10 ICHR's 05 04 04 -  
Seminars

(c): The financial assistance provided to the ICHR during the last three years and in the current year is as under:-

Sr.No. Year Financial Assistance  
(Rupees in lakhs)

(i) 2006-2007 854.94

(ii) 2007-2008 924.98

(iii) 2008-2009 1190.73

(iv) 2009-2010 886.99