

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

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

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARILIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c): According to the available official statistics of D/o Science & Technology, the expenditure on Research and Development (R&D) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India is 0.88 %. To meet the demand for enhanced R&D in the country, the Government has taken several measures from time to time. These include formulation of policies to promote R&D, setting up of autonomous research organizations, setting up of autonomous Institutes for creation of manpower for the industry, creation of facilities in emerging & frontline areas, fiscal incentives and support measures to encourage investment on R&D in industry, national awards for outstanding R&D and encouraging public-private R&D partnerships. In addition research and development related activities is being carried out in private sector industries as well.