

**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 number of research projects going on at present under Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF);
- (b) the total amount so far provided by Australia under AISRF in this regard;
- (c) the number of students exchanged for research work for each country during the last three years and the road map chalked out for the year 2016;
- (d) the areas identified by both the countries on research in education field; and
- (e) the further collaboration and joint ventures in research field identified by both the countries for funding under AISRF?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) : At present, the Ministry of Science and Technology has 36 projects going on under Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF).
- (b) : The total amount so far provided by Australia under AISRF is about 58.6 Million Australian Dollars.
- (c) : So far 74 research students from each country have been exchanged under AISRF projects. The road map of the activities for 2016 has not been finalized.
- (d) : The areas identified so far by both countries on research in education field are Biomedical Devices and Implants, Stem Cells, Transgenic Crops and Marker-assisted Breeding, Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods, Bioremediation, Bio-energy and Bio-fuels, and Vaccines/ Medical Diagnostics.
- (e) Further collaboration and joint ventures in research field identified by both the countries for funding under AISRF have not been finalized.