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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the State-wise and scheme-wise details of funds allocated to States for undertaking research and development work and implementing schemes for the year 2015-16;
- (b) whether the funds allocated for undertaking research and development for the year 2013-14 have not been utilized fully;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any strategy to ensure proper utilization of funds allocated for undertaking research and development works for the year 2015-16; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
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(a): Ministry of Coal under the Science and Technology (Research and Development) grant allocate funds to enable research and development activities for coal sector projects implemented by various research and academic institutes related to coal and allied industries with active participation of coal and lignite mining companies. The grant is administered by Standing Scientific Research Committee (SSRC) with Secretary (Coal) as its Chairman. Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI) is the nodal agency for coordination and monitoring of coal Science and Technology (S&T) projects funded by the Ministry of Coal.

There is no state-wise allocation of funds. Funds are disbursed to the implementing agencies through CMPDI to execute various activities of S&T projects in the mines of Coal India Limited (CIL), Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC).

(b)&(c):Rs. 11.65 Crore was allocated during 2013-14 under the Research and Development scheme which was utilized fully during that year.

(d )&(e) Funds are allocated to the Research and Development Scheme considering the number of on-going projects and new projects anticipated. During 2015-16, Rs. 20.25 Crore has been provided for Research and Development scheme which would be utilized in implementation of the on-going R & D projects and new projects during 2015-16. The funds provided in 2015-16 would be utilized properly.

The allocation of funds for R&D Schemes always keep in view the requirement of various ongoing schemes / projects in that particular year and the proposed new schemes / projects. Regular monitoring of the progress of implementation is held during the meetings of SSRC and also by the subcommittee of SSRC to ensure proper utilization of fund provided. For the year 2015-16 an amount of Rs.20.25 crore has been provided in Budget Estimates (BE) for the R &D schemes.