

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

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

- (a) The aims and objectives of establishing Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR);
- (b) whether the ICHR is providing financial assistance for holding symposia, seminars, workshops etc. for exchanging views related to history by inviting noted historians and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any conflict or controversy within the ICHR on the kind of historians to be invited and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act, was established in 1972, with an aim to give proper direction to historical research, encouraging and fostering objective and scientific writing of history; promote the application of historical method to the study of the social sciences and humanities, so that an interdisciplinary approach is achieved in understanding these subjects; and enunciate and implement a national policy of historical research. The details of the aims and objectives of the ICHR are available on the website ichr.ac.in.
- (b) Yes, Madam. ICHR has provided Rs.86.01 lakhs as financial assistance in 2014-15 for holding symposia, seminars, workshops, National and Inter-national conferences on various aspects of history and culture.
- (c) As per information received from the ICHR there is no conflict or controversy within the ICHR on the kind of historians to be invited.