

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

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Research Activities

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified research and technology requirements in various fields including health and environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to augment research activities in the said fields and the progress made in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. In order to promote research in areas which are important and relevant in current times this Department has established Centres of Excellence under the following schemes

â€¢ Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)

â€¢ Training and Research in Frontier Areas of Science and Technology (FAST)

â€¢ All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has a scheme of funding Research Parks in collaboration with industry in AICTE approved institutions

â€¢ University Grants Commission (UGC) has also rolled out flagship schemes which aim to promote quality and excellence in the field of education sector, namely, Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE), Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA) and Colleges with Potential for Excellence and College of Excellence (CPE/CE)

The details of Centres of Excellence established under the various schemes of Government of India may be seen at [http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/List%20of%20Centres%20of%20Excellence.pdf](http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/List%20of%20Centres%20of%20Excellence.pdf).

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