

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

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Funds for Research Work
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister has opined that good research was possible even with less funding in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this direction;
- (c) the total funds allocated for research in Central Universities during the last three years, State and University-wise;
- (d) whether the Ministry has prepared any action plan to give emphasis on good research in the ensuing years by way of supporting funds to the research institutions and universities across the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) : The Ministry has emphasized the need for promoting research that is socially relevant and is of use to the end users like the Industry. For this purpose, two schemes have been launched: firstly, the Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT) which focuses research in higher educational institutions in (10) socially relevant domains; and secondly, the Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) which promotes industry sponsored, outcome-oriented research projects. A detailed action plan has been formulated for both these flagship programmes of the Ministry and proposals received are being examined for assistance. In order to have a coordinated action for promoting research, MoU has been signed with (25) Ministries and Departments of Government of India.

Apart from this, UGC has rolled out a number of schemes for assisting research in institutions of Higher Education including central universities. Statement showing grants spent by the UGC to Universities & Colleges under various schemes relating to Research Projects for the year 2012-13 to 2014-15 and current financial year i.e. 2015-16 is attached at Annexure.