

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3347  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

**Research and Innovation**

**3347. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is spending only 0.7 per cent of the total GDP on research and innovation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the spending on research and innovation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

**(a) & (b):** Yes. As per information received from Principal Scientific Advisor, expenditure on Research & Development as a percentage share in National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 0.7% in 2004-05, 0.7% in 2008-09, 0.6% in 2012-13 and 0.7% in 2016-17.

**(c) & (d):** Yes. Government is working towards increasing the spending on research and innovation in the country through the creation of National Research Foundation as per its Budget Announcement in 2019-20 in this regard .

**(e):** Does not arise.

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