

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1201  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

**NRF**

1201. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has operationalised the National Research Foundation (NRF) to increase research possibilities in the country, which was announced in the Budget of 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the detailed project report for the NRF has been recently circulated among the different ministries related for their valuable inputs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the experts under the Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP) have submitted their final report for setting up of NRF;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken by the Government for the setting up of NRF?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (g): In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2019, Government is in the process of setting up of National Research Foundation (NRF). The matter is being dealt by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India who have informed that EFC documents for getting approval of concomitant expenditure and a DPR justifying the setting up of and its costing has been uploaded on the EFC / SFC / PIB CEE management system portal for the response of different stakeholders.

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