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Funds allotted to Research

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Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount Union Government grants and allocations received by State owned Universities and HEI for research in India, year-wise data during the last five years;
- (b) the amount of Union Government grants and allocations received by private Universities and HEIs for research in India, year-wise data during the last five years; and
- (c) the amount of Union Government grants and allocations received by Central Universities and HEIs for for research in India, year-wise data during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c): With an aim to provide holistic education, Government of India has launched National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in July 2020. Recognising research as corerequisite for better education, NEP 2020 envisaged HEIs to focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centres; technology development centres; centres in frontier areas of research; greater industry-academic linkages; and interdisciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research.

Further. "Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act, 2023" was notified to establish the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. Anusandhan National Research Foundation, an apex body has been envisaged to provide high-level strategic direction for research, innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of natural sciences including mathematical sciences, engineering and technology, environmental and earth sciences, health and agriculture. It also seeks to promote scientific and technological interfaces of humanities and social sciences. Total estimated cost of Anusandhan National Research Foundation for five years is Rs. 50,000 crores.

Ministry of Education has launched various schemes to promote research and development in the Higher Educational Institutes of the Country which includes Prime Minister's Research Fellowship scheme(PMRFs), Uchcharat Avishkar Yojana (UAY), Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT), Impactful Policy Research in Social Science

(IMPRESS), Scheme for Trans-Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE), Scheme for promotion of Research and Academic Collaboration (SPARC), National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI) and Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS).

Ministry of Education launched Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which aimed at funding the State Government Universities and Colleges so as to improve the overall quality, including 'Research Innovation and Quality Improvement'. The third phase of RUSA has been approved in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 Cr. for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

Further, University Grant Commission also support HEIs for various research related activity. Details of funds released from University Grants Commission (UGC) to the Higher Education Institutions for Research related activity during the last five years i.e., 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as below:

| F.Y. | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rs. In Cr. | 1166.01 | 1314.14 | 1411.96 | 1278.09 | 1481.17 |

These efforts are supplemented by funding from Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, etc. for nurturing and developing research in scientific areas and thereby supporting research in critical areas through various schemes.
