

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total budgetary allocation for Research and Development of Science and Technology for the financial year 2003-2004;
- (b) whether the Government had taken a decision to raise budgetary allocation-both plan and non-plan upto 2 percent of GDP during 2000-2005;
- (c) if so, whether the budgetary allocation for Research and Development meets the stipulation of 2 percent of GDP; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for non-allocation of sufficient budgetary funds for Research and Development?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRIBACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) The total budgetary allocation for Scientific Agencies engaged in Research and Development is of the order of Rs. 7023.19 crores for the financial year 2003-04.

(b),(c)&(d) Yes Sir. `Science and Technology Policy 2003` envisages to double the level of investment of Science and Technology to 2 percent of GDP by the end of 10th Five Year Plan with enhanced participation in R&D investment by industry. Budgetary allocation in the 10th Five Year Plan S&T outlay for scientific agencies has increased from Rs. 12022.17 Crores in 9th Plan to Rs. 25243.00 Crores.