

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

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BASIC SCIENCE EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UGC has formulated any scheme for strengthening the basic science education and research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the same;
- (c) whether the recommendations made by the High Power Expert Committee headed by Prof. M.M. Sharma has been implemented;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a to e): A Task Force was set up by the Government, for strengthening basic science education and research within the existing university system. The recommendations inter-alia include to create 1000 positions of research scientists at various levels, five fold increase in the number of Ph.Ds from Indian universities and provision of fellowships in basic sciences for pursuing Doctoral research etc. The report has been given to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for further action.