

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

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AGRAHYANA SAKA TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has recently laid special emphasis on education based on science, technology and knowledge besides the basic education as reported in the Dainik Jagaran on dated November 23, 2006 ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this direction in every State; and
- (c) The details of funds allocated/ released for the purpose and the monitoring carried out by the Union Government for each State especially Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(c) Promotion of Education including that based on Science, Technology and Knowledge is continuous process. Various agencies of the Government like Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National Council for Educational Research & Training (NCERT), University Grants Commission (UGC), etc. have been taking steps to improve the quality of education with due emphasis on improvement of education based on Science and Technology etc. Besides various other agencies, for the promotion of knowledge in their respective fields, the Institutes like Indian Institute of Science, Indian Institutes of Technology, and Indian Institutes of Information Technology are already there.

To promote science education and to cater the needs for higher qualified manpower, the Government has established Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) at Pune and Kolkata. For strengthening basic scientific research in universities, a Task Force was constituted by Government. The Task Force, in its report, has inter-alia, recommended creation of 1000 positions of Research Scientists at various levels, five fold increase in the number of Ph.Ds from Indian universities within a span of ten years with proper standards, promotion of formal linkage between the Universities and national level institutions including the CSIR laboratories through joint research projects and training, inbuilt component of research in post graduate programme pertaining to Science and Technology, up gradation of infrastructural facilities in universities to promote quality scientific research, and, creation of networking centers in Basic Sciences in leading Departments of Universities to promote collaborative research. The details about State wise allocation of funds for the purposes as aforesaid are not maintained centrally.