

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1558
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1/1/2018

GRANTS FOR RESEARCH WORK

1558. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide grants for research work in every field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many proposals under the said initiative are pending with Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) & (b): Substantial grant is provided by the Government for research work in various fields of science and technology to elevate R&D status of the country. Major portion of BE 2017-18 allocation of Rs. 11,505.48 crores, of Ministry of Science and Technology is earmarked for institutions and individuals as grants for undertaking research in these institutions. In addition, grants are also provided for emerging and promising areas such as nanotechnology, advanced materials and high performance computing. New strategic areas like cyber-physical systems, smart machines also receive special consideration in the release of funds. Sophisticated and analytical instrumentation facilities, powerful computational facilities and other research infrastructure have been established in Universities and other institutions through research grants provided under various schemes.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
