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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2683
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018)**

BUDGETARY HIKE FOR CSIR

2683. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is no longer facing fund crunch, unlike last year;
- (b) whether it is a fact that this is because of the fact that it did not pay out as much money towards settling pension arrears as anticipated;
- (c) whether last year CSIR had to make a committed effort to raise money from external sources; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the CSIR has got a budgetary hike for the financial year 2018-19?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) & (b) Due to financial commitment of CSIR for its activities, functions, various Research and Development (R&D) projects, infrastructure support activities, etc., the release of funds for settling pension arrears was initially deferred during 2017-18. Now after taking into account the availability of funds, the requirements of funds for various activities and functions of CSIR, it has already been decided to release the arrears of pension to the CSIR pensioners.
- (c) CSIR has been making concerted efforts to raise its external revenue contribution to its total budget through a combination of technology transfer, licensing, royalty, premia, etc.
- (d) CSIR has been allocated Rs. 4734.71 crore (Budget Estimate) for the Financial Year 2018-19, a budgetary hike of 3.33% compared to Rs. 4582.12 crore (Revised Estimate) for Financial Year 2017-18.
