

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3976

ANSWERED ON 06/04/2023

INCREASE IN BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

3976. SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's relative share in research and development expenditure, amongst G20 countries, is less than 1 per cent; and
- (b) if so, whether there is any plan to increase the budgetary allocations of the Ministry of Science and Technology, which constitutes a meagre 0.36 per cent of the overall 2023-24 Union Budget?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) No Sir. As per the UNESCO Science Report 2021, India's relative share in research and development expenditure measured in terms of Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research and Development (GERD) amongst G20 countries is 3.3%.
- (b) The budgetary allocation i.e. Budget Estimate (BE) for Ministry of Science and Technology follows an increasing trend. During last five years, it has increased by 25% from Rs.13056.24 crore in 2019-20 to Rs.16361.42 crore in 2023-24.
