

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 865
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016**

R&D in Higher Education

865. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) the details of the programmes/schemes run by the Government to promote Research and Development (R&D) in the field of higher education in the country;
- (b) the details of the funds earmarked and expenditure incurred on such programmes/schemes during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to make these schemes/programmes more comprehensive; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve the technical education also?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (d): The Government has emphasized the need for promoting research that is socially relevant and is of use to the end users. For this purpose, two schemes have been launched, namely Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT) and Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY). IMPRINT focuses research in higher educational institutions, with an allocation Rs.487.00 crore for a period of three years beginning 2016-17. The cost of the project is met to the extent of 50% by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the remaining 50% by the participating Ministry/Department. During the current year, an amount of Rs.50.00 crore has been allocated for the Scheme. UAY promotes industry sponsored, outcome-oriented research projects with an outlay of Rs.475.00 crore for a period of two years beginning 2016-17. The project cost is met to the extent of 50% by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and 25% each by the Industry and the participating Ministry/Department. During the current year, an amount of Rs.75.00 crore has been allocated for the Scheme, out of which 37.50 crore has been released.
