

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5589  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

**R&D in Indian Universities**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any status report on the contribution of Indian universities and other higher education as well as research bodies in Research and Development (R&D) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any ranking based on contributions to R&D to such institutions; and
- (c) if so, the details of the breakthroughs recorded, achieved and published related to R&D by the top ten among these institutions in the last two years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has an Inter University Centre (IUC) called INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network). The Shodhganga@INFLIBNET is a repository of Ph.D theses across the nation. This Centre provides a platform for researchers to deposit their Ph.D theses and make them available to the entire scholarly community in open access.

The number of Ph.D students has been on the rise and as per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) data for 2016-17, the number of students enrolled is 141037 in various disciplines including Agriculture, Arts, Commerce, Computer Science/Applications, Education, Engineering/ Technology, Law, Management, Medicine, Science, Veterinary Science and others.

Research is one of the important factors determining the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

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