

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.672
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6/2/2019**

RANK OF INDIA IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

672. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the rank of India among all the countries of the world in investing towards Research and Development; and
- (b) whether there is any plan of increasing the allotment to catch up with the developed countries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री, पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री और पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

- (a) According to the latest statistics, India is ranked among the top 10 countries of the world in investment towards Research and Development (R&D) in terms of US\$ Purchasing Power Parity (PPP).
- (b) The Government has been constantly engaged in the promotion and growth of scientific research in the country through various measures with successive increase in plan allocations for scientific departments. As a consequence, India's national expenditure on R&D has been increasing consistently over the years and tripled in a decade from Rs 24,117.24 crores in 2004-05 to Rs 85,326.10 crores in 2014-15. It is estimated to be Rs 94,516.45 crores in 2015-16 and Rs 1,04,864.03 crores in 2016-17.
