

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

Research in Higher Education

3521. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to encourage research in the higher educational institutions and planning to set up "National Research Foundation" (NRF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the activities proposed to be conducted by this Foundation; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan of establishing the branch of NRF in Southern India, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d): In the Budget Speech, 2019-20, it has been announced to establish National Research Foundation (NRF) to fund, coordinate and promote research in the country with focus on identified thrust areas relevant to our national priorities. The funds available for research with all Ministries will be integrated in NRF so as to ensure that the overall research eco-system in the country is strengthened. Government will adequately supplement NRF with additional funds as per its requirement. NRF will set up Centres of Excellence and Institutional Innovation and Research Councils in Higher Educational Institutions in the country and also fund selected research projects. No specific locations for the purpose have been identified so far.
