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Delay in Transferring of Funds to Research Institute

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a delay in transfer of funds from Central agencies to top research institutes such as IITs and IISc due to which the purchases at these institutes are on hold and the scientists have not been paid for a few months; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) and (b): IITs and IISc receives funds under various research schemes from various central agencies such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology through their various departments such as Department of Science & Technology, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research and Department of Bio-Technology etc. as well as research grants from industry, alumni, philanthropic contributions etc. Fund flow is a continuous process and funds are released to various institutions based on the approved cost of the concerned research project and demand raised under recurring and non-recurring heads. Ministry of Education releases funds under various research schemes such as Uchchar Avishkar Yojana (UAY), Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT), Scheme for promotion of Research and Academic Collaboration (SPARC), National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI), Scheme for Transformational and Advanced Research in Sciences (STARS) etc. for promotion of research ecosystem of country's Higher Education Institutes. This Ministry also releases funds to IITs and IISc for salary, pension, scholarships/fellowships, equipment related expenses and other recurring/non-recurring expenditure on monthly basis based on the demand estimates received from these Institutions viz-a-viz their budgetary allocation.
