3347. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is spending only 0.7 per cent of the total GDP on research and innovation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the spending on research and innovation in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL ‘NISHANK’)

(a) & (b): Yes. As per information received from Principal Scientific Advisor, expenditure on Research & Development as a percentage share in National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 0.7% in 2004-05, 0.7% in 2008-09, 0.6% in 2012-13 and 0.7% in 2016-17.

(c) & (d): Yes. Government is working towards increasing the spending on research and innovation in the country through the creation of National Research Foundation as per its Budget Announcement in 2019-20 in this regard.

(e): Does not arise.