

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2865  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/03/2021**

**Innovation and R&D under National Research Foundation**

**2865. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:**

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

- (a) the funds allocated and steps being taken for Innovation and R&D under the National Research Foundation and the criteria fixed and the modalities worked out to ensure that the overall research ecosystem of the country is strengthened with focus on identified national-priority thrust areas;**
- (b) the State-wise details of the implementation of the NRF scheme along with funds sanctioned/utilised so far since its inception;**
- (c) whether the fund allocations to states/UTs have been increased to meet the demands/targets of each State under NRF; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise as on date and if not the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री  
(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)

**(a) Yes Sir, Steps for establishing a National Research Foundation (NRF) have been initiated. NRF aims to catalyse, facilitate, coordinate, seed, grow, and mentor research in academic institutions around the country, particularly at universities and colleges where research capacity is currently in a nascent stage. This will be first of its kind foundation to promote research and development across the country. The Committee on Establishment Expenditure (CEE) approved the proposal for creation of National Research Foundation at a total cost of Indian Rupees 50,000.00 crore over a period of 5 years commencing from 2021-22.**

**(b) to (d) question does not arise as NRF is yet to be established.**

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