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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1226
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy

1226. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the research projects and the collaborating institutions that have been provided financial assistance under the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has maintained records of its efforts to identify young talent, strengthen research culture, build capacity, promote innovation and support trans-disciplinary research for India's developing economy and national development, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the functioning of the scheme through continuous engagement with industry experts and private sector engagements, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to use the research outputs of these research projects in collaboration with the private sector for better utilisation and integration of humanities and social sciences research towards policy making and governance, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated under the said Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Dr. Subhas Sarkar)

(a) to (e): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched the Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE). The guidelines of the scheme are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2089255_STRIDE_FINAL_BOOK.pdf . The UGC has informed that the First component of the STRIDE Scheme provides for research capacity building. It aims to identify young talent and providing research capacity building in diverse disciplines by mentoring, nurturing and supporting young talents to innovate solutions for local, regional, national and global problems. This component is open to all disciplines

under Institutional mode. Under this component, the funds are provided to the Institution for the capacity building of faculty and students. During the last quarter of 2019, a total 35 institutions were selected for Component-1 under STRIDE.

STRIDE Scheme will strengthen research culture and innovation in colleges and universities and help students to contribute towards India's developing economy with the help of collaborative research.

Funds to the tune of Rs. 11.50 crores were allocated for the Component-1 and released as the first instalment to the selected universities and colleges during the financial year 2019-20. The list of the selected Higher Educational Institutions is available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1493134_LSPQ-No-3056-Annexure-I.pdf .

The UGC has further informed that the duration of the Component-1 is for 03 years and the Selected Institutions will submit a Report after completion of the period of three years. In addition, a Committee for each institution has been constituted for monitoring progress of the work.
