GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1648 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022)

Self Financing of CSIR

1648. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a plan of action for the transition of all laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) from fully financed to "self-financing" bodies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the directive to self-finance research implies that the Government has an intent to reduce investment in scientific research and development in the subsequent budgets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there are any incentives and support that the Government has planned to achieve self-financing of research from CSIR and if so, the details therefore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES

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(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, the leadership of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) during the Directors' Conference held at Dehradun in June 2015, resolved to develop technologies for National missions like Swachh Bharat, Swasthya Bharat, Skill India, Smart Cities, Digital India, Namami Ganga, etc.

During the meeting, CSIR also resolved to attempt for selffinancing of labs. CSIR is supported by the Government for pursuing R&D activities, building and maintaining the desired R&D infrastructure and national R&D human resource development. Besides the Government Budgetary Support (GBS), CSIR laboratories generate External Budgetary Resources (EBR) of about Rs 1600 crore annually through undertaking projects in Grant-in-Aid mode, patent licensing and technology transfer, technical services contract R&D activities and consultancy.

- (c) No, Sir
- (d) Question does not arise
- (e) No, Sir
