

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3543  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**National Research Foundation**

**3543. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the National Research Foundation (NRF) to improve research infrastructure in Universities has not yet been approved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2019, Government is in the process of setting up of National Research Foundation (NRF). The matter is being dealt by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India who have informed that the NRF proposal was approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)/ Committee on Establishment Expenditure (CEE) and the Draft Cabinet Note was submitted for Cabinet approval. Thereafter, multiple discussions have been held at various levels on the basic structure, governance and budgetary aspects of the NRF.

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