

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3721
ANSWERED ON 18/12/2024**

AIMS OF ANUSANDHAN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

3721. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Anusandhan National Research Foundation aims to establish a Rs.50,000 crore corpus with Rs.36,000 crore of it coming in from non-governmental sources;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted a governing board of the said Anusandhan National Research Foundation;
- (c) if so, the composition thereof;
- (d) whether the first meeting of the ANRF was held recently; and
- (e) if so, the details of the deliberations made in the said meeting?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

(a) The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) aims to receive funds amounting to Rs. 50,000 crore during 2023-28 in the form of ANRF Fund, Innovation Fund, Science and Engineering Research Fund, Special Purpose Funds. A budgetary provision of Rs. 14,000 crore is made from the Central Government and remaining amount will be sourced through donations from any other source, including from public sector enterprises, the private sector, philanthropist organizations, foundations or international bodies.

(b) to (c): A Governing Board (GB) of ANRF has been constituted and the Central Government notified the GB of the following composition in the Gazette of India:

1	The Prime Minister of India	President (ex-officio)
2	The Union Minister of Science and Technology	Vice-President (ex-officio)
3	The Union Minister of Education	Vice-President (ex-officio)
4	A Member from the NITI Aayog dealing with science and technology	Member (ex-officio)

5	Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Science and Technology	Member (ex-officio)
6	Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research	Member (ex-officio)
7	Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Biotechnology	Member (ex-officio)
8	Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Higher Education	Member (ex-officio)
9	Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India	Member-Secretary (ex-officio)
10	Dr. Manjul Bhargava Professor, Princeton University, USA	Member
11	Dr. Romesh T Wadhvani Chairperson, Symphony Technology Group California and New York, USA	Member
12	Dr. Raghuvendra Tanwar Chair, Indian Council of Historical Research	Member
13	Dr. Jayaram N. Chengalur Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	Member
14	Prof. G Rangarajan Director, Indian Institute of Science	Member
15	Dr. Subra Suresh Professor at Large, Brown University, USA	Member

(d) to (e): The first meeting of the GB was held on 10th September 2024 under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister as the President of the GB. The GB discussed strategic interventions of ANRF which are required to accelerate and strengthen the S&T landscape of the country. The deliberations included global positioning of India in key sectors, aligning R&D with national priorities, promoting inclusive growth, capacity building, driving scientific advances and innovation ecosystem, stimulating the latent potential of universities and colleges, bridging the gap between academic research and industrial applications through industry-aligned translational research and implementing programs to boost the country's research ecosystem and accelerate scientific and technological advancements. R&D programs which were aligned with the discussions, namely, Prime Minister Early Career Research Grant (PMECRG), the Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas -Electric Vehicle (MAHA-EV), Inclusivity Research Grant (IRG), Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) have been launched.
