

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3081
ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025**

ANUSANDHAN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

3081. Ms SAYANI GHOSH:

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

- (a) the current status of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) announced in the interim budget Financial Year, 2025;**
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation for basic research and prototype development; and**
- (c) whether the Anusandhan National Research Fund comes under the aegis of National Research Fund, if so, the details of the funding pattern to Anusandhan National Research Fund?**

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) has been operationalized since February 05, 2024. The first meeting of the Governing Board (GB) of ANRF was held on 10th September, 2024 which discussed about India's Science and Technology landscape and redesigning of research and development programmes. As per the recommendation of the GB, ANRF has launched multiple programmes aiming to position India as global player in select key sectors, driving scientific advances and innovation ecosystem, and for promoting the research and innovation in partnership with the private sector. These include Prime Minister's Early Career Research Grant (PM-ECRG) to assist young researchers for initiating their research career; EV-

Mission program under MAHA (Mission for Advancement in High-impact Areas) to promote research & development of Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption in India; Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) in line of Hub and Spoke model, as a first step towards fostering research across a broader range of institutions; and Inclusivity Research Grant (IRG) to provide funding support to researchers belonging to the Scheduled Caste /Scheduled Tribe for undertaking research in frontier areas of science and engineering.

(b) ANRF has been allocated RE of Rs. 966 crore for the FY 2024-25 and out of which Rs. 666.38 crore has been utilized, so far.

(c) The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has been established through an Act of Parliament, namely ANRF Act, 2023. The provisions of the ANRF Act, 2023 came into force on February 05, 2024. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) aims to receive funds 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 for R & D, recoveries made of the amounts granted to ANRF, any income from investment of the amounts received by ANRF and all amounts with the Fund for Science and Engineering Research under the repealed Science and Engineering Research Board Act, 2008.
