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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1741
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/03/2021

COGNITIVE SCIENCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

1741 Shri K.J. Alphons:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the projects taken up under Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) during the past five years;
- (b) out of the 44 individual projects taken up, how many have been completed;
- (c) whether their findings have been published on the Ministry's domain; and
- (d) how many of these project studies have been useful for the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) Sir, during the last five years, 189 projects have been sanctioned under the Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI).
- (b) The Task Force under Cognitive Science Research Initiative had recommended 44 individual projects during the year 2017-18 with a duration of three years. These projects commenced in 2018-19 and are yet to be completed.
- (c) Yes Sir. The major findings of CSRI projects have been published in the Annual Report of the Department of Science and Technology. Apart from this, around 100 research publications have been published in peer reviewed scientific research journals.
- (d) All the 189 projects sanctioned in the last five years are useful for the country. Some of the projects have provided insight in to various cognitive disorders which is helpful in improving the mental well-being of the country. Other Projects have developed new tests/technologies to detect cognitive dysfunction for early risk assessment of neuro-degenerative disorders. In addition to these, almost all projects trained human resources in the interdisciplinary area of Cognitive Science.
