

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th FEBRUARY 2024**

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION ON HEALTH RESEARCH

1363. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budgetary allocation and actual spending on health research in the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the spending on health research;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any strategy/roadmap for phased enhancement of health research; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (e): The details of budgetary allocation and actual expenditure in r/o of Department of Health Research for the last three years are given below:

			Rs in crore
Year	Budgetary Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual expenditure
2020-21	2100.00	4062.30	3124.59
2021-22	2663.00	3080.00	2690.60
2022-23	3200.65	2775.00	2432.11
An amount of Rs. 2100.00 crores, Rs. 526.28 crores and Rs. 323.00 crores were allocated for Covid-19 related activities in the year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively.			

The Department of Health Research was created as a new Department in 2007-08 and its full-fledged working started from 2013-14 after the roll out of various schemes for promotion of health research in the country. Since then, with the increase in the activities and research programmes of DHR

mainly through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the budget and spending has been increasing. The Budgetary allocation of Department of Health Research has increased from Rs.567.00 crores in 2008-09 to Rs. 2892.83 crores in the year 2023-24. The Department has created research infrastructure for promoting health research capacity, undertaken health research activities in infectious and non-communicable diseases, trained human resources and has contributed significantly for containing infectious disease outbreaks / epidemics, including Covid-19 pandemic.

Steps have also been taken for establishment of 4 regional National Institutes of Virology, National Institute for One Health, strengthening regional RESEARCH platform and research activities focussing on infectious diseases management under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). Also, ICMR has rolled out research programme focusing on 11 national health research priorities including cancer, mental health, tuberculosis, antimicrobial resistance and one health.
