

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5452

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R & D FUND FOR NEW DRUGS

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

- (a) whether there is any controversy between his Ministry and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers regarding administrative control of R&D fund for development of new drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the controversy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee (PRDC) constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director General, CSIR, with a view to recommending measures to strengthen the Research and Development capability of the Pharmaceutical Industry in the country and to identify the support required by Indian Pharmaceutical Companies to undertake domestic R&D, in its report submitted to the Government, has, inter alia recommended the establishment of Pharmaceutical Research and Development Support Fund (PRDSF) to promote research in the Pharmaceutical Industry in the country. The issue is under inter-ministerial consultations.