

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT RESEARCH IN DRUG FORMULATIONS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to encourage joint research with private sector in formulating new drugs ; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : In February,2002, the Government have announced the `Pharmaceutical Policy-2002`, which includes in principle approval to the establishment of the Pharmaceutical Research & Development Support Fund (PRDSF) under the administrative control of Department of Science & Technology, which will also constitute a Drug Development Promotion Board (DDPB) on the lines of the Technology Development Board (TDB) to administer the utilization of the PRDSF.