

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2385  
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R & D IN PHARMA INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government announced allocation of Rs.150 crore for R&D in the Pharma Industry;
- (b) if so, the details of utilisation of the amount;
- (c) the name of the disbursing authority;
- (d) the amount of funds disbursed so far; and
- (e) the amount of funds earmarked for the year 2002-03?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS ( SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e) : 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. Department of Science & Technology has made a provision of Rs.150 crores in the 10th Plan.