

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

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DEARTH OF TRAINED TECHNICAL HANDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is dearth of trained and skilled technical hands required for implementation of Schedule M of small scale pharma unit;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has spent crores of rupees in capacity building project for training 586 participants without remarkable results ; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of trained and skilled persons in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) : Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not have any specific information regarding dearth of trained and skilled technical hands required for implementation of schedule 'M' in small scale Pharma units. However, keeping in view the need of upgradation of technical knowledge among the production and Analytical Chemists, Ministry of Health is providing training to the technical people from pharmaceutical industry under the World Bank assisted Capacity Building Project and the training is imparted at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali, Punjab. Total expenditure made on the aforesaid training programme so far is Rs.23,86,052/- which involves the training of personnel from Industry covering 503 technical persons from production as well as Analytical Departments of various Pharma industries. All the participants are evaluated daily during training so as to confirm their learning process. The training is an ongoing process and it is planned that a similar number would be trained annually, over the next three years.