

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) Whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Indian Council of Medical Research in order to make the research project easier in the field of biotechnology etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be upgraded?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government is considering a proposal to create a separate department of Medical Research in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which will cause an impetus in Medical and Health Research activities in the country. The proposal can be finalized once the consultation with various nodal Ministries is completed.