

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

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CLINICAL TRIALS OF STEM CELL THERAPY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote clinical trials of stem cell therapy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the budget earmarked to fund the project; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to diversify the research in this field?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 157 FOR 22ND AUGUST, 2007

Research into Stem Cell Therapy is being promoted by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under extra-mural funding. ICMR and Department of Bio-technology (DBT) have developed guidelines for Stem Cell Research in the country. The guidelines specify the requirements for conducting research, including clinical trials as a part of such research, in stem cell use. Clinical trials are regulated by the Office of the Drugs Controller General of India as per the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules.

ICMR has so far allocated budget of Rs.50.00 lakhs for nine research projects in stem cell. ICMR has included diversification of research in this field in their agenda for the Council.