

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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R & D ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase Research and Development activities of country's Public Health Department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Research and Development activities in public health are part of number of schemes of this Ministry like NRHM/Disease Control Programme etc. implemented by the Central Govt. to supplement the initiatives of the State Govt. in providing health care to the people.

In order to give an impetus for bio-medical research activities, a separate Deptt. Of Health Research has been established and plan allocation for ICMR has been increased from Rs.167 crores in the Eight Plan to Rs.970 crores in the Tenth Plan and Rs.5000 crores has been proposed for ICMR/Department of Health Research during XI Plan.