

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ACHIEVEMENTS IN HEALTH RESEARCH  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the research that has been undertaken/is being undertaken by the Department of Health Research;
- (b) the details of achievements of the Department made so far in this field; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for research in diagnostic and therapeutic techniques for the benefit of the common masses?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) A new Department of Health Research was created in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare by a Presidential Notification on 17.09.2007 with a view to provide focused attention on the promotion and co-ordination of basic, applied and clinical research and all attendant issues. The Department was formally launched on 5th October, 2007 and became operational from 1st April, 2008.

(b) During the period since the inception of the Department, the following activities have been completed:

(i) Concept proposals for infrastructural development in respect of Special support to medical colleges and Establishment of model rural health centres.

(ii) In addition, a plan for the establishment of National Viral Network has been prepared and Special schemes for development of Stem Cell units, Molecular Medicine Departments and Specialized/Advanced Centres of Excellence have been initiated.

(iii) Action on enactment of the Ethics Bill and establishment of National Bio-ethics Authority has been taken.

(c) ICMR Institutes have been requested to continue to invest in development of diagnostic tests and therapeutic agents.