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

(a) whether the Government is setting up a medical technology park in Chennai to decrease the costs of the healthcare equipment and research for new vaccines; and

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken to operationalise this park?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): There is a proposal to set up a Medipark at Chengalpattu, near Chennai for manufacture of medical devices and instruments. The indigenous production facilities can improve the availability of modern equipments in the health care sector and could bring down the dependence on imports. This will also enable reduction of health care cost and will save foreign exchange to the extent of import substitutions.

An Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) is also proposed at Chengalputtu to address the growing vaccine demand of the country and to develop facilities for producing vaccines required by the Government

(b): This is still in proposal stage.