

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH ON MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the research work particularly research on medicines has become costly and India is dependent on developed countries in this regard;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to make the country self-reliant in this field; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c) The research work particularly research on medicines is expensive. But India is not dependent on developed countries. The country has its own drug discovery and development programmes, as follows:

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1	Drugs & Pharmaceutical Research Programme (DPRP)	Department of Science & Technology (DST)
2	Small Business in Industry Research Initiative (SBIRI)	Department of Biotechnology
3	Biotechnology Industry R & D Assistance Programme (BIRAP)	Department of Biotechnology
4	Biotechnology Industry Partnership Programme (BIPP)	Department of Biotechnology

Apart from funding R&D projects under the above mentioned Schemes, Government also provides following incentives to pharmaceutical Industry for Research & Development in drugs & Pharmaceuticals:

- (i) Weighted tax deduction of 200% on R&D expenditure approved under Section 35 (2AB) of the Income Tax Act.
- (ii) The R&D centers recognized by Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) are also registered with DSIR for the purpose of availing customs duty exemption on import of R & D equipments.