

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:123

ANSWERED ON:27.11.2009

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

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

- (a) whether the biomedical research works carried out in the country are of international standard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of Medical Research Centres/Institutes in the country functioning under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), State/UT-wise and the achievements made so far by them;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upgrade these Research Centres /Institutes in the country including at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh to make them of international standard and also induction of state- of-the-art technology in the field of medical science; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided or proposed to be provided in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 FOR 27TH NOVEMBER, 2009

(a)&(b): There is no single international standard governing medical research, although several inter governmental and international agencies have formulated various guidelines for conduct of research. India has put in place various guidelines and regulations conforming to major guidelines for the conduct of medical research studies

(c): There are 27 institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research. The statewise list is at Annexure 1 and major achievements is at Annexure 2.

(d): Yes Sir, upgradation of the ICMR Institutes and their laboratories is a continuous and ongoing process and most centres have State of the Art laboratories. There is no centre of ICMR at Kasauli

(e): An amount of Rs 184.7 crores has been spent for upgradation of facilities and equipment in ICMR institutes in the eleventh plan till October, 2009.