

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present scenario of health related Research and Development at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi along with the major recent achievements of the scientific work force in the institute;
- (b) the details of the research projects undertaken at AIIMS indicating the present status of these projects;
- (c) whether there is shortage of scientists which is affecting the research projects at AIIMS;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the total sanctioned and actual strength of scientists at AIIMS; and
- (e) the details of the measures including increasing the retirement age of scientists being contemplated by the Government to improve the current scenario?

Answer

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

(a) Faculty and Researchers at AIIMS carry out intra-mural and extra-mural research focusing on health related issues of national and international importance. Some of the focus areas are: Tuberculosis, Diarrhoeal Disease, Hepatitis, Life style diseases such as diabetes, vitamin-D and calcium deficiencies, old age health, maternal and child health, genomics, genetics, epilepsy and public health issues. On an average, 1500 research papers are published every year by AIIMS faculty and researchers. Several National Health Programmes, like Control of Iodine Deficiency, Old Age Health, Control of Fluorosis etc. have been instituted with research evidence and support from AIIMS.

(b) The details of research projects during the last five years are as follows:

Sr	No	Year	No of Projects	Funds received (Rs.in crores)
1	2008-09	533	45.8	

2	2009-10	458	53.9
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3	2010-11	622	53.7
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4	2011-12	636	65.3
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5	2012-13	636	67.5
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On an average a research project is completed within three years.

(c) to (e) There is no shortage of scientists and researchers affecting the research projects at AIIMS.