

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

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RESEARCH ON LIFE SAVING DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the major research projects undertaken regarding the life saving drugs in the country along with the outcome thereof during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to promote research on life saving drugs during the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Department of Pharmaceuticals have reported that no major research projects were undertaken in the 11th Five Year Plan.

(c) & (d) The Department of Pharmaceuticals has included in the Report of Working Group on Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Industry for the 12th Plan, submitted to the Planning Commission, a proposal for setting up Pharma Venture Capital Fund with an outlay of Rs. 500.00 crore for investment of identified funds into a newly created specialised private equity/Venture Capital that undertakes Research & Development (R&D) investments into companies in the Pharmaceutical industry.

Besides, in November 2011, M/s. Ernst & Young Private Limited (M/s E&Y), Gurgaon, has been given an assignment as Global Level Consultant for preparation of Details Project Report for developing India as a Drug Discovery & Pharma Innovation Hub 2020. M/s E&Y has since submitted draft Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has informed that they have focussed on development of Streptokinase which is an effective and inexpensive clot dissolving drug used in the treatment of myocardial infarction and pulmonary embolism. They have also informed that a technology for synthesis of Recombinant Streptokinase has also been developed which has been launched in market in 2009. Earlier, the technology for natural streptokinase developed by the institute was commercialized by another company. These products are available in Indian market.