

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

- (a) whether the Government is supporting a number of research projects relating to development of affordable drugs and vaccines for control of various diseases including Kala-azar in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the present status and outcome of these research projects?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, ICMR is supporting research projects relating to development of affordable drugs and vaccines for control of various diseases including Kala-azar in the country.

(b): ICMR has informed that currently they are supporting six studies relating to research on drugs and vaccines including Kala-azar in extramural mode. The total funds allocated to these studies during the last three years is Rs. 1,80,33,715/-. The funds allocated during the current year is Rs. 64,55,066/-.

(c): ICMR has also informed that the Research Projects relating to development of affordable of drugs and Vaccine are ongoing projects including Kala-azar. With regard to Kala-azar, the vaccine for Kala-azar (Leish DNA-Vax) is being manufactured by a German company namely Mologen A G. This vaccine would be undergoing multi-centric phase-I trial with trial sites in Germany and in Bihar, India. The trial will be initiated in Bihar in 2015-16.