

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

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MULTI DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH UNITS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) in the medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of medical colleges equipped with Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) in the country State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States/ UTs in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon during the last three years, proposal and State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes. A scheme has been approved in 2013-14 for the establishment of 80 Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in the Government Medical Colleges during the 12th Plan period, for carrying out research on Non-communicable Diseases. Funds to 42 MRUs have already been released for creation of requisite infrastructure in the various Government Medical Colleges in 24 states/UTs. The State-wise list is given Annexure -1.

(c) & (d): Till 31.03.2015, a total number of 108 proposals have been received from 27 States/UTs. The proposals received from the States/Medical Colleges are screened and evaluated by the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of ICMR comprising of experts, as per the scheme guidelines and the proposals so recommended are placed before the Approval Committee for final decision.

Establishment of 62 MRUs have been approved in 25 States/UTs and sanction for release of funds have been issued in respect of 42 medical colleges.

State-wise position of number of proposals received, number of proposals approved and number of MRUs sanctioned upto 31.3.2015, is given in Annexure-II.