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Title: Need to provide adequate budgetary support to Indian Council of Medical Research.

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV (ALWAR): The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body for planning, organisation, implementation and coordination of medical research in our country. ICMR has earned national and international recognition for innovative research projects in past ten years. Government of India has agreed in principle to create a new Department of Health Research within Health Ministry. However, it is amazing that plan allocation to ICMR has been drastically cut this year. Research cannot be done without massive funding. It is, therefore, requested that Finance and Health Ministry should see that proper budgetary support is given to ICMR and this year's allocation should be reviewed and increased.