

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023**

“RESEARCH ON NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES”

577: SHRI KAILASH SONI:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will establish a research center in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the special action plan for research on non-communicable diseases; and
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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(a) to (b):

With a view to promote and encourage medical research, Government has introduced a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme comprising 02 sub-schemes, namely (i) establishing Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Government Medical Colleges and Research Institutes, and (ii) establishing Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) in rural areas under the mentorship of institutes of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous organization of the Department of Health Research. These MRUs and MRHRUs undertake research both in Communicable and Non-Communicable diseases.

Proposals are regularly invited from State Governments, Govt. Medical Colleges/Research Institutes and ICMR Institutes for establishing MRUs and MRHRUs. Proposals so received are considered by the ‘Technical Evaluation Committee’ (TEC) and approved by the ‘Approval Committee’ on the basis of recommendation of TEC.

So far, 07 MRUs have been approved for the following Government Medical Colleges in Madhya Pradesh:

1. S.S. Medical College, Rewa
2. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur
3. M.G.M. Medical College, Indore
4. Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal
5. G.R. Medical College, Gwalior
6. Bundhelkhand Govt. Medical College, Sagar
7. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal

Under the scheme for establishment of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs), an MRHRU has been established at Datia, Madhya Pradesh.

Beside the above, there are two ICMR Research Institutes located in Madhya Pradesh namely – (i) National Institute of Research in Tribal Health (NIRTH), Jabalpur; and (ii) National Institute for Research in Environmental Health (NIREH), Bhopal.