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Scheme to strengthen medical devices industry

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Shri Mithlesh Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme for strengthening the medical devices industry of the country in order to enhance the healthcare system; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): In order to provide support in critical areas of the medical device industry, covering manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure and industry promotion, a new scheme "Strengthening of Medical Device Industry" with five sub-schemes has been launched on 8.11.2024. The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 500 crore and tenure of the Scheme is 3 years from Financial Year 2024-25 to FY 2026-27. Objective of the sub-schemes under the scheme are as follows: -

(i) Common Facilities for Medical Device Clusters: To strengthen existing infrastructure by providing financial assistance to medical device clusters for creating Common Infrastructure Facilities, boosting domestic manufacturing capacity and improving cluster quality and to strengthen availability of more Medical Device Testing Laboratories in order to boost manufacturing of quality medical devices.

(ii) Marginal Investment Scheme for Reducing Import Dependence: To promote domestic production of key components, raw materials and accessories used in manufacturing of medical devices, including in-vitro diagnostic devices, in order to reduce dependence of Indian medical device manufacturers on imported key components and raw materials and increase the depth of our value chains.

(iii) Capacity Building and Skill Development in Medical Device Sector: The main objective of the component is to fill the gap existing in the education and research in medical devices sector and to ensure quality teaching, training and nurturing excellence in Medical Technology education for generating critical mass of trained human resource to meet the requirements of rapidly innovating multidisciplinary areas of Medical Technology and create R&D ecosystem for the sector.

(iv) **Medical Device Clinical Studies Support Scheme:** To support the medical device industry by fostering development of devices supported by clinical evidence and generation of clinical data that demonstrates the safety and efficacy of the devices manufactured in India. This will promote manufacturing of quality products with better efficacy and safety. It will also enhance credibility of domestic manufacturers to produce high quality products, opening up opportunities for them in markets outside the country.

(v) **Medical Device Promotion Scheme:** To promote Medical Device Industry by bringing industry leaders, academia and policy makers together to share their knowledge and experience for overall development of the sector as well as to facilitate growth and development of the sector through conducting studies, organizing awareness programs, creation of databases and promotion of industry.

The scheme will provide the much needed thrust to address the unmet needs of the industry. The scheme is expected to have a multiplier effect in augmenting the domestic manufacturing capacities with significant reduction in imports, and promote - quality, human resource development, safety and efficacy of medical devices, and also enhance the depth of medical device value chains in the country.
