

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1062#
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2025**

ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

#1062. SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a total of ₹ 99,859 crore was allocated to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the budget for Financial Year 2025-26 and out of which ₹ 95,958 crore was disbursed to the Department of Health and Family Welfare and only ₹ 3,901 crore to the Department of Health Research;
- (b) the reasons for allocating such a low amount to research and development sector despite the increasing frequency of global pandemics, new diseases and public health emergencies;
- (c) whether for conducting medical research, Government has established any new Research and Development centres across the country in the last five years, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the number and locations of such centres ?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) & (b): The Department of Health Research (DHR) was created as a new Department in 2007-08 and its full-fledged working started from 2013-14 after the roll out of various schemes for promotion of health research in the country. Since then, with the increase in the activities and research programmes of DHR mainly through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the budget and spending have been increasing. The budgetary allocation of Department of Health Research has increased by 588% from Rs. 567.00 crore in 2008-09 to Rs. 3900.69 crore in the year 2025-26.

(c) & (d): With the long-term goal to prepare the country against public health emergencies, Pradhan Mantri- Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) has been launched for developing Capacities of health systems and institutions. Under the scheme, four zonal National Institutes of Virology (NIVs) at Jammu, Dibrugarh, Jabalpur and Bengaluru and National Institute of One Health (NIOH) Nagpur have been approved for ICMR. Satellite Centre of National Institute of Translational Virology and AIDS Research (ICMR-NITVAR) Pune has also been approved. Besides, 10 Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) have been inducted for upgradation to Infectious Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (IRDLs), and 05 VRDLs have been inducted for upgradation to Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratories.

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Government has also established ICMR- National Animal Resource Facility for Biomedical Research in 2022 at Hyderabad, Telangana and NIIH-Centre for Research, Management & Control of Haemoglobinopathies in 2023 at Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

The government has also sanctioned Research and Development centres across the country for conducting medical research in the last five years, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic which is as under:

Research & Development Centres

(2020-25)

Names of Central Sector Schemes	Total	States/UTs
Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs)	58	Assam, A&N Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.
Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs)	38	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal.
Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs)	11	Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh.
DHR-ICMR Advanced Molecular Oncology Diagnostic Services (DIAMOnDS)	25	Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Delhi, Maharashtra, Manipur, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar, Chhattisgarh
Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAIIn)	22	Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam
