

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21 JULY, 2026**

ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

285. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of fund allocated for health research during last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of schemes being run to promote health research in the country along with the funds allocated and utilised for the same during last three years and the current year till date, scheme-wise and year-wise?

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

(a) The Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not make State-wise allocation of funds for health research. All the schemes run by the department are central sector schemes. However, allocation and utilization of funds for last three years with respect to Department of Health Research is as under:

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	2892.83	2857.47
2024-25	3391.64	3324.14
2025-26	3927.64	3924.36
2026-27 (BE)	4821.21	1503.21 (till 20.07.2026)

(b) The Department of Health Research is implementing the following schemes/programmes to promote health research in the country:

1. Developing Infrastructure for Promotion of Health Research:

This umbrella central sector scheme has two sub-schemes namely:

- (i) Establishing Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Medical Colleges and Research Institutes; and
- (ii) Establishing Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) in rural areas under the mentorship of ICMR institutes.

The year-wise financial details are as under:

(i) Fund allocation for Multi-Disciplinary Research Units:

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	50.00	50.00
2024-25	61.99	61.99
2025-26	90.80	90.80
2026-27 (BE)	100.27	21.11 (till 08.07.2026)

(ii) Fund allocation for Model Rural Health Research Units:

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	20.00	19.12
2024-25	18.01	18.01
2025-26	84.20	84.20
2026-27(BE)	71.08	22.46 (till 08.07.2026)

2. Human Resource & Capacity Development (HRCDD) Scheme for Health Research:

This umbrella central sector scheme has four sub-schemes namely:

- (i) Human Resource Development (HRD) for Health Research
- (ii) Grant-in-aid Scheme for Inter-sector Convergence & Promotion and Guidance on Health Research
- (iii) Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and
- (iv) International Cooperation.

The objective of HRD is to increase the overall availability of trained personnel for health research across the country through scholarships, fellowships and capacity building programmes. for faculty, biomedical students and other scientists. It has various components like Short Term Studentship, Postgraduate Thesis Support, Foreign Fellowships, PhD fellowships, Workshop Funding Grants, Women Scientist programme, International Travel Grants, etc. The GIA sub-scheme is primarily intended to support collaborative health research projects involving different Departments/Organizations. HTA has supported enhancement of affordable Accessible health care interventions in State and central government programs including Ayushman Bharat Program through cost-effectiveness studies. International Cooperation programme is aimed at enabling Indian researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to engage with global experts, share best practices, and co-create innovative approaches to health research and policy.

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	87.80	82.27
2024-25	124.71	124.06
2025-26	161.675 (post-reappropriation)	161.21
2026-27 (BE)	105.00	12.98 (till 08.07.2026)

3. Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM):

With the long-term goal to prepare the country against public health like new and emerging diseases, PM-ABHIM was launched in 2021 to enhance the capacity of health systems and institutes to prepare them in responding effectively to the current and future pandemics/disasters. DHR also has been allocated components of Bio-security preparedness and strengthening pandemic research and multi-sector national institutions and platforms for One Health under the PM ABHIM scheme. Further DHR has also implemented a programme for strengthening Research & Development towards integrated disease control and pandemic preparedness for the National One Health Mission' since 2023-24. The components of programme include frameworks for integrated disease surveillance across sectors, targeted R&D for fast-tracking medical counter measures, data integration and capacity building among others.

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	324.36	254.43
2024-25	187.22	181.15
2025-26	310.445 (post-reappropriation)	309.64
2026-27 (BE)	351.06	17.09 (till 08.07.2026)

4. Setting up and Strengthening of a Nationwide Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and National Calamities (VRDL Scheme):

The scheme aims to establish and strengthen a nationwide network of laboratories for timely diagnosis and surveillance of viral and other infectious diseases of public health importance, support outbreak investigations, strengthen epidemic preparedness and response, and enhance laboratory capacity and research in the country.

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	60.00	60.00
2024-25	60.99	60.99
2025-26	57.24	57.24
2026-27 (BE)	70.00	4.95 (till 15.07.2026)

5. Development of Tools/Support to Prevent Outbreaks and Epidemics:

The scheme aims to support research and development of diagnostics, technologies, and other public health tools for prevention, early detection, surveillance, and control of outbreaks and epidemics, thereby strengthening the country's preparedness and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

Financial Year	Allocation (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2023-24	10.00	10.00
2024-25	8.00	8.00
2025-26	3.67	3.67
2026-27	-	-
