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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017

MEDICAL RESEARCH

2038. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

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

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has not developed even a single new drug, vaccine, diagnostic test or treatment process during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen Medical Research in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government proposes to simplify the activities related to medical research; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : No, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has made outstanding contribution as a knowledge generating agency and contributed in understanding various diseases of national importance such as Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Tuberculosis, AIDS, Kala-azar Filariasis, Leprosy and Poliomyelitis, etc. Six ELISA based diagnostic tests for detection of diseases, viz., Hepatitis E Virus, Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Chandipura Virus (CHPV) and Japanese Encephalitis have been transferred to M/s Cadila Healthcare. The technology on development of killed vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis (JE) (JENVAC) has been transferred to HLL, Chennai in 2015 for manufacturing JE killed vaccine.

(c) to (e): Viral Diagnostic and Research Laboratories, Multi- Disciplinary Research Units and Model Rural Health Research Units have been set up in the States to strengthen and simplify medical research in the country. Capacity building, data management, leveraging traditional medicine, evidence to policy, etc., have also been taken to strengthen and streamline the medical research activities in the country.