

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4713  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**MEDICAL RESEARCH**

**4713. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**

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

- (a) whether India is far behind in Research and Development of Medicine;
- (b) if so, whether India needs to increase the pace of research in regenerative medicine and reconstructive surgery to come up to the global level, especially in the area of clinical trials and diagnostic test and regulatory requirements and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any long-term plan has been prepared by Government in this regard with goals and target fixed and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (e) the extent to which the Government has achieved the target and goals so far in this regard?

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

(a): No

(b) to (e): The Indian Council of Medical Research through its 26 research institutes across the country and extramural funding of other research institutes, medical colleges and non-government organisations, is actively engaged in research and development of medicine.

The department of Biotechnology is supporting a number of Research and Development projects, including clinical trials in the field of Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine.

Funds allocation by the Department of Biotechnology for this purpose is approximately Rs.15-20 crore annually.