

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH JULY, 2019**

BIOLOGICAL DRUGS

3187. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes promotion of medicine based on biologics keeping in view biological drugs are playing significant role for the unmet medical needs in particular for the non-communicable diseases like cancer and diabetes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to mark separate fund allocation for the growth in biologics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d): Department of Biotechnology has launched the National Biopharma Mission programme entitled: Industry-Academia Collaborative Mission for Accelerating Discovery Research to early Development for Biopharmaceuticals - "Innovate in India (i3) Empowering biotech entrepreneurs & accelerating inclusive innovation", approved by the Cabinet in May 2017 at a total cost of US\$250 million for five years with 50% funding through World Bank loan. The Government has entered into Legal Agreement with World Bank for implementation of the activities under National Biopharma Mission. The project implementing agency is Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a PSU of Department of Biotechnology.

The Mission objectives include development of (i) Vaccines for Pneumococcus, Dengue, HPV and candidates for other diseases of high burden in India; (ii) Biosimilars for cancer, diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis; (iii) Medical devices and diagnostics; and (iv) Process Development Laboratory, Chemistry, Manufacturing, Control Units and cGLP validation facility for Bio therapeutics.

Further, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has granted permission for import/manufacture of many biologics for treatment of various diseases including cancer and diabetes.

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