

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4002
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2023

Research and Innovation in Pharmaceutical Sector

†4002. **SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:**
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up centres of excellence for research and innovation in pharmaceutical sector across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam;
- (c) the details of the target set and funds estimated for this purpose;
- (d) the details of the number of States including the districts in Rajasthan likely to be covered for this purpose; and
- (e) the time by which such project is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir. Pursuant to the Budget Announcement 2023–2024 about launch of a new programme to promote research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has prepared a Scheme for ‘Promotion of Research and Innovation in the Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP)’ which includes a component for strengthening the research infrastructure by establishment of Centres of Excellences (CoEs) at seven existing National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) at Mohali (Punjab), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Telangana), Guwahati (Assam), Kolkata (West Bengal), Hajipur (Bihar) and Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh) at an estimated cost of Rs 700 crore. No state-wise or district-wise targets have been fixed for this purpose.
