

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 331
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August, 2023

Upgradation of NIPER

†*331. **SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve/ upgrade the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) located in various cities across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of NIPER located in various cities across the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the equipments and machinery in NIPER across the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of various upgradation works undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by the Government for the development of NIPER as a model Pharmaceutical Research Organisation during the last three years including the amount of funds allocated for the said purpose, year-wise; and
- (e) the manner in which people have been trained by the said institutes in National Pharmaceutical Education along with details including the number of people who have been educated so far from such institutes?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the LOK SABHA STARRED Q. No. 331 (10th POSITION) for answer on 11.08.2023 raised by Smt. Bhavana Pundalikrao Gawali and Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane regarding Upgradation of NIPER

(a) to (e): The first National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) as an institute of national importance was set up at SAS Nagar (Mohali, Punjab) through NIPER Act, 1998 to nurture and promote quality and excellence in pharmaceutical education and research and run master's, doctoral and post-doctoral courses.

Subsequent thereto, with amendment of the Act in the year 2007, six more NIPERs were set up at Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Guwahati (Assam), Hajipur (Bihar), Hyderabad (Telangana), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh). On amendment of the Act in December, 2021, the mandate of NIPERs has been enhanced, amongst others, to include undergraduate, integrated and other short-term courses, etc.

Government has provided adequate budgetary support for setting up permanent campuses, well equipped laboratories and filling up of regular faculty and administrative posts in NIPERs. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in March, 2018 had approved an outlay of Rs. 959.53 cr. for a period of 3 years for continuation and strengthening of the scheme. Subsequently, EFC in September, 2021 has approved an outlay of Rs. 1,500 cr. for a period of five years (2021-22 to 2025-26) for the seven existing NIPERs.

These institutes presently offer courses in 16 different specializations in various streams of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. NIPERs have published about 7,000 research papers in various reputed journals, filed more than 370 patents and signed about 263 MOUs with Industries and other academic institutions. As per National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2023 released by the Ministry of Education, under the 'Pharmacy' category, 5 of the 7 NIPERs have been ranked in the top 20 with NIPER Hyderabad as the top most institute in the country.

Since their inception, in total about 7,814 students (7,347 Masters + MBA; 467 PhD) have passed out from the seven existing NIPERs, who are working with the industry and/ or R&D and academic institutions.

The details of funds released to NIPERs during the last three years, i.e. from 2020-21 to 2022-23, for their capital and other recurring expenditure are as under:

NIPERs	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
SAS Nagar (Mohali)	60.55	51.00	84.05
Ahmedabad	60.50	54.00	76.10
Guwahati	79.45	59.45	106.49
Hyderabad	44.50	72.91	69.54
Hajipur	26.00	41.00	37.00
Kolkata	34.82	47.64	45.45
Raebareli	28.00	46.00	32.50
Total	333.82	372.00	451.13
