

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1400  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**Region-wise Number of NIPER**

**1400. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:**

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

- (a) the number of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), region-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal to establish a NIPER in Thiruvananthapuram, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that severe under-utilisation of NIPERs funds are reported given that only Rs. 177 crore of the Revised Estimate of Rs. 422 crore were spent in the 2022-23 cycle;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received a demand proposal with an outlay of Rs. 1160 crore in the 2023-24 budget despite the under-utilization of existing funds for NIPERs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): Seven National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) are presently functioning at SAS Nagar (Punjab), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Telangana), Guwahati (Assam), Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh), Hajipur (Bihar) and Kolkata (West Bengal).

(b): As per the records readily available, no proposal to establish a new NIPER in Thiruvananthapuram has been received in the Department.

(c) & (d) No, sir. About 97.32%, i.e., Rs. 451.13 crore, out of the amount of Rs 463.53 crore being the Revised Estimates (RE) for the FY 2022-23 for the scheme of NIPERs, was released to NIPERs during the year. As such there was no severe under-utilization.

(e) & (f): The budget allocated for the scheme of NIPERs during the financial year 2023-24 is Rs. 550 crore, which is only about 18.65% higher than RE for the year 2022-23.

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