

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4556
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2020**

HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTES

4556. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) the number of public funded health research institutes and apex public institutions established under the Department of Health Research for strengthening healthcare policy in the country;
- (b) the number of Government and privately run medical institutes that are engaged in doing research on health policies;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated to these institutions to continue health research activities and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government plans to establish more such institutes in the country in next two years, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous body under Department of Health Research spearheads planning, formulation, coordination, implementation and promotion of biomedical research in the country. It has 26 research institutes situated across the nation which are either disease specific or address regional health challenges. Their research output has led to understanding of various diseases of national importance such as malaria, Japanese encephalitis, tuberculosis, AIDS, Kala-azar, Filariasis, Leprosy and Poliomyelitis and also of current public health concerns including nutrition, reproduction and maternal and child health, occupational and environmental health and health systems research. During 2019-2020, ICMR has allocated an amount of Rs 818 Cr for intramural research through its affiliated institutes.

(d): ICMR has informed that as of now it has no plans to establish more such Institutes.