

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2175  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**MEDICAL RESEARCH**

**2175. DR. AMAR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to identify medical research separately rather than clubbing it with commercial ventures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether digital incentivisation plan is completely missing, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether 2019 saw various frameworks initiated such as the National Digital Health Blueprint; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) No sir. The present strategy of Government for promotion and co-ordination of basic, applied and clinical research including clinical trials and operational research in areas related to medical, health, bio-medical and medical profession and education through development of infrastructure, manpower and skills in cutting edge areas and management of related information thereto continues.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous organization of Department of Health Research has informed that it has digitized many documents and started using online services for many activities such as extra-mural research project proposal submission and processing, Senior Research Fellowship, Research Associateship applications, etc. Junior Research Fellowship exam is also now conducted online. All the payments are transferred digitally.

(d) & (e) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has finalized and released the National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB) as an architectural framework for digital health initiatives in country.

On 15th August, 2020 implementation of National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) has been initiated in 6 UTs on pilot basis.