

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3313  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021

**PPD Scheme**

**3313. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken under the Pharmaceutical Promotion and Development Scheme (PPDS) for promotion of the pharmaceutical sector in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the status of the proposed establishment of National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPER) at Madurai in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the time by which the said NIPER is likely to be functional?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI D.V. SADANANADA GOWDA)**

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(a) The Department has taken various initiatives like providing financial assistance to conduct trainings, seminars, workshops as well as other activities on issues/subjects relevant to growth of pharmaceutical industry in the country. Further, the Department has conducted various studies as well as procured reports for better understanding of the pharmaceutical sector. The Department has provided financial assistance to educational institutions, industry associations and other organizations for conduct of about 70 seminars/conferences during the last three years.

(b) & (c): The proposal for setting up of NIPER at Madurai, Tamil Nadu (Madurai), along with three other NIPERs, was considered by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in the Ministry of Finance in March, 2018 but it decided to defer the same. A fresh consolidated proposal has again been sent by the Department of Pharmaceuticals to the Ministry of Finance in February, 2021 as part of the EFC memo for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 for up-gradation of the existing NIPERs and setting up four new NIPERs, including one at Madurai. Further action for setting up of the same will be taken pursuant to EFC approval.

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