

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4810  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025

**Medical Device Industry**

†4810. **Shri Buntty Vivek Sahu:**

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

the salient features and objectives of the scheme to strengthen medical equipment industry along with the financial assistance provided in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**

**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

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The scheme for Strengthening of Medical Device Industry, with a financial outlay of ₹500 crore, was launched on 8.11.2024 with the objective to provide support in critical areas of the medical device industry, covering manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure and industry promotion and consists of the following sub-schemes:

- (i) Common Facilities for Medical Devices Clusters;
- (ii) Marginal Investment Scheme for Reducing Import Dependence;
- (iii) Capacity Building and Skill Development for Medical Devices;
- (iv) Medical Device Clinical Studies Support Scheme; and
- (v) Medical Device Promotion Scheme.

Details regarding the objectives of each sub-scheme, along with its salient features, are at Annexure. As on 18.3.2025, proposals involving provision of financial assistance to the tune of ₹190 crore have been approved in-principle.

**Annexure referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 4810 for answer on 28.3.2025, raised by Shri Bunt VIVEK SAHU**

**Objectives and salient features of the sub-schemes of the Scheme for Strengthening of Medical Devices Industry**

1. Common Facilities for Medical Device Clusters

*Objectives:*

- (a) To strengthen existing infrastructure; and
- (b) To ensure availability of testing facilities/laboratories for medical devices, against the backdrop of the bringing of medical devices under a licensing regime that requires evaluation of medical devices on behalf of manufacturers

*Salient features:*

- (a) Provision of financial assistance to medical device clusters for creating common infrastructure facilities, boosting domestic manufacturing capacity and improving cluster quality
- (b) Provision of support to any national or state level government or private institution to establish or strengthen testing facilities for medical devices

2. Marginal Investment Scheme for Reducing Import Dependence

*Objective:* To reduce import of medical devices

*Salient features:* Provision for marginal investment support, in the form of grant, to incentivise domestic manufacturing of essential/key specialised inputs/components, upstream materials, accessories or closely related products needed for domestic manufacturing of medical devices, which cannot be produced by the general industry and are often imported by medical device manufacturers

3. Capacity Building and Skill Development in Medical Device Sector

*Objective:* To meet the requirements of rapidly innovating multidisciplinary areas of medical technology and create research and development ecosystem for the sector by generating critical mass of trained human resource

*Salient features:* Provision of financial assistance to support quality teaching, training and nurturing of excellence in medical technology education

4. Medical Device Clinical Studies Support Scheme

*Objective:* To promote manufacturing of quality products with better efficacy and safety and to enhance credibility of domestic manufacturers to produce high-quality products and open opportunities for them in external markets

*Salient features:* Provision of financial support for conducting clinical investigations or pre-clinical animal studies for medical devices and clinical performance evaluation of new *in vitro* diagnostics

5. Medical Device Promotion Scheme

*Objective:* To promote the medical device industry by bringing industry leaders, academia and policymakers together to share their knowledge and experience for the overall development of the sector

*Salient features:*

- (a) Financial support, in the form of grant, for industry bodies/associations and educational institutions to conduct meetings, seminars, workshops, events, roadshows, expos etc.;
- (b) Financial support for manufacturer evaluation studies, creation of database, international study missions etc. is available for promotion and development of the medical device industry; and
- (c) Expenditure by the Department on industry development activities.

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