

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4789
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2026**

BUDGET ON RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES

4789. SHRI ARUP CHAKRABORTY:

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

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred on research activities taken up by medical colleges and hospitals as a percentage of the GDP of the country;
- (b) whether such institutions are unable to utilise their research budgets fully due to a lack of facilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government intends to augment supplement the research budget for public medical colleges and hospitals and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Health Research in India is carried out by Department of Health Research (DHR) as well as other Departments of Central Government like Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology including Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, and Department of Atomic Energy apart from the institutions like All India Institutes for Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Public funding continues to be the major source of fund for meeting the expenditure on health research in the country.

Department of Health Research has released Rs. 144.07 crore during the year 2025-26 to various medical colleges and government hospitals for the development of research infrastructure and undertaking research. Funds released during the year under various schemes are as under:

Name of Scheme	Amount (in cr)
Viral Research and Diagnostic Labs (VRDL)	52.81
Multi-disciplinary Research Unit (MRU)	61.99
Health Technology Assessment in India (HTAIn)	6.89
DHR-ICMR Advanced Molecular Oncology Diagnostic Services (DIAMOnDS)	17.15
Centre of Guidelines	5.23
