

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/12/2015

HEALTH RESEARCH

3933. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- whether a grant-in-aid scheme has been implemented by the Government for Inter-Sectoral Convergence and Coordination for Promotion and Guidance on Health Research;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the estimated cost of the said scheme;
- the details of the funding components of the said scheme; and
- the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote cooperation with other agencies for innovation, translation and implementation of various works?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(Y.S. CHOWDARY)

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान राज्य मंत्री
(वाई. एस. चौधरी)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) The Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing a Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Inter-Sectoral Convergence & Coordination for Promotion and Guidance on Health Research. The scheme aims to provide support and encourage focused and deliverable research for estimation of disease burden/development of new technologies/process, diagnostics, to address health research issues for affordable healthcare in the country particularly in the context of gender and child healthcare and also for the under privileged. In addition, emphasis is laid on evaluation of the existing processes/products/technologies for their comparative cost effectiveness to save public expenditure. Special focus has been provided on translation of leads into products and processes for adoption in public health systems through collaboration and cooperation with other Departments/Organizations. The total approved estimated cost of the scheme is Rs.1242 crores during 12th Plan period. The scheme has the following components for funding:

- Research studies with emphasis on public health
- Translational Research Projects
- Inter-sectoral Co-ordination Including Funding of Joint Projects
- Cost effectiveness analysis of health technologies through a health technology assessment system

(e) The Department of Health Research has constituted a Group of Secretaries and setup working groups comprising of Department of Health Research, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Department of Defence Research & Development (DDR D), Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE), Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Labour and Employment, National Disaster Management Authority, Department of Space and Ministry of AYUSH for inter-sectoral coordination of joint funding of projects.
