

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR PHARMA INDUSTRY  
MOHAN RAWALE

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

- (a) whether any funds had been proposed/earmarked by the Government for the research and development to support pharma industry during the year 2000-2001 ;
- (b) if so, whether the funds have not been sanctioned and released for the purpose so far ; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the future planning of the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has been operating a Plan scheme entitled `Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Research Programme` since 1994-95 for promoting drug research jointly with pharma industry. During the year 2000-01, five collaborative Research and Development projects were supported and an expenditure of nearly Rs. 4.0 crores was incurred to support the on-going and new projects.