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ALLOCATION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FUND

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

- (a) the amount allocated for Pharmaceutical Research and Development Support Fund for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06;
- (b) whether the Drug Development Promotion Board has utilized this amount;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the progress made in pharmaceutical and drug research in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) The amount allocated to Department of Science and Technology for Pharmaceutical Research and Development Support Fund (PRDSF) for 2004-05 was Rs. 147.75 crores viz; Rs. 125 crores for PRDSF corpus, Rs. 13.75 crores for grants-in-aid for supporting collaborative Pharma industry institutional R&D projects and Rs. 9.0 crores for extending soft loan for R&D projects to Pharma industries. All the allocations for 2004-05 were fully utilized. The amount allocated for PRDSF programme for the year 2005-06 is Rs. 150 crores viz; Rs. 70.0 crores for grants-in-aid activities and Rs. 80.0 crores for extending soft loan for R&D projects to Pharma industries.

(e) Efforts have been made in the country to develop drugs both in Modern and AYUSH for diseases such as malaria, filaria, cancer, ulcer, tuberculosis, leishmania, leucoderma, rheumatism, rheumatoid arthritis, diarrhoea, pancreatitis, gastritis, heart diseases, hypertension, diabetes, AIDS and vaccines for rotavirus, cholera, rabies, tuberculosis, typhoid, HIV etc. The leads obtained from the screening of new chemical entities, extracts from plants, traditional preparations, microbes and fungal sources are at different stages of discovery chain like pre-clinical and clinical trials. Drugs for tuberculosis and colorectal cancer are in advanced stage of development.