

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH WORK IN FIELD OF MEDICINE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether research work is being conducted in the field of medicine;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to encourage those who are engaged in conducting these research works;
- (c) the number of medicines discovered under various categories during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government is promoting various new methods of treatment ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal to recognize Electro Homoeopathy; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) Research work is being continued at various bio medical institutions in the country. A number of government agencies in India like the Indian Council of Medical Research, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, Department of Bio Technology, Department of Science and Technology, University Grants Commission, etc. are supporting such research and these agencies have various programmes to build capacity for conducting research. ICMR has Fellowships, adhoc schemes, Task Force Programmes, Training in Clinical Pharmacology and ethics for building capacity and creating an environment for conduct of good research practices.

(c) As per the information furnished by Drugs Controller General of India, a number of new drug molecules discovered in India during last 3 years are under various stage of development and no molecule has yet reached the stage of approval.

(d) & (e) Efforts are being made to develop new products for the treatment of various diseases. Few research projects are being funded by the Council in the area of drug delivery systems viz. novel drug delivery system for anti-acne products, colorectal cancer, lung disease and Tuberculosis.

(f) & (g) Based on the report submitted by the Health Ministry's Standing Committee of Experts to examine the claims of Alternate Systems of Medicines, the Government does not recognise electrohomeopathy as it does not satisfy the criteria laid down by the expert committee to recognise such systems.