

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF R& D .

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to promote Research and Development in the Drugs and Pharmaceutical sector in the country;
- (b) If so, the details of the investments made for R&D during the last three years;
- (c) The details of R&D programmes drawn up for 2006-07; and
- (d) The steps taken by the Government to boost R&D sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government is taking several steps and measures from time to time to promote Research and Development in the Drugs and Pharmaceutical sector in the country. During the last three years

(2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06), it has invested Rs.232.90 crores for promotion of R&D in Drugs & Pharmaceutical sector.

(c)&(d) Some of the R&D programmes implemented by the Government to boost R&D in Drugs & Pharmaceutical sector are Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Research Programme of Department of Science & Technology (DST), New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI) of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Technology Promotion, Development and Utilization (TPDU) programme of Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Offering Research Fellowships for human resource development and Weighted tax deduction under Income Tax Act for drug research & development.