

(c) An amount of Rs. 133.80 Crores and Rs. 157.50 Crores has been allocated to State of Gujarat under Mission flexible pool for financial years. 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

Compensation for medical researchers

‡2672. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has prepared guidelines to compensate the participants for research cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how the participants of clinical tests are being planned to be protected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Forum for Ethical Review Committees in India (FERCI) and Indian Society of Clinical Research (ISCR) have issued draft Guidelines for compensation to participants for research related injury in India. These Guidelines apply to all clinical research, whether sponsored by the Pharmaceutical or Medical Device Industry. Government or Academia or individual investigators. As per these Guideline all research related injuries be compensated irrespective of their causes.

(c) As per Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Act (Amended 2005), the Institutional Ethics Committee is responsible for protecting the rights, safety, well being of all trial subjects. As per the guidelines for stem cell research and therapy issued by the Department of Biotechnology and ICMR, all clinical trials with any stem cells shall have prior approval by Institutional Committee for Stem Cell Research & Therapy, Institutional Ethics Committee and Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for marketable products.

Spurious blood racket in the country

‡2673. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a racket is operating to sell spurious blood on a large scale in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.