

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1719
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2021**

REDUCTION IN BUDGET FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH

1719 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Health Research received a 34.4 per cent lower budget in the year 2021-22 than 2020-21 despite the COVID-19 pandemic and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): The allocation of Rs.4062.30 crores for Department of Health Research in RE 2020-21 includes special allocation of Rs.2100 crores under the Covid-19 Emergency Response Project for procurement of testing kits, equipments/machines, reagents etc. Now the procurement of testing kits and equipment has been largely decentralised and is being undertaken by the State Governments. Therefore, keeping this in view, if this special package is excluded, the allocation of Rs.2663.00 crores in BE 2021-22 is 26.80% higher than the allocation for BE 2020-21.