

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2760
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH MARCH, 2021

Upgrading NIPERs

2760 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):
Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:
Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering proposals for improvement/upgradation of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) in various cities of the country;
- (b) whether Government is planning to upgrade the equipment and machinery in NIPER, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of various upgradation that have taken place and funds allocated by Government during the last two years for development of NIPERs as a model pharmaceutical research organisation?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Government has set up seven National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) at Mohali (Punjab), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Guwahati (Assam), Hyderabad (Telangana), Hajipur (Bihar), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh). NIPER Mohali has its own permanent campus, well equipped laboratories and regular faculty. A consolidated proposal for setting up/equipping the other six existing NIPERs (except NIPER Mohali) and four newly announced NIPERs at Madurai (Tamil Nadu) and in the States of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra was considered by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in the Ministry of Finance on 26.03.2018. The Committee recommended continuation and strengthening of the six existing NIPERs during the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 at a total cost of Rs. 959.53 crore out of which, Rs.207.76 crore was approved for construction of campuses [(Rs.103.88 crore each for NIPER Guwahati and NIPER Ahmedabad) and Rs. 465.00 crore for equipment and machinery (@ Rs.100.00 crore each for NIPER Ahmedabad, Guwahati and Hyderabad and Rs.55.00 crore each for NIPER Hajipur, Kolkata and Raebareli)].

A consolidated EFC proposal with an outlay of Rs. 4,300 crore for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 has been sent to the Ministry of Finance in February, 2021 for strengthening and equipping of the existing seven NIPERs and setting up of five new NIPERs in the states of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Karnataka. The proposal includes construction of the campuses, up-gradation of laboratories, setting up Centres of Excellences, etc.

(c) All NIPERs now have well-equipped laboratories, sanctioned regular faculty and administrative posts, most of which have been filled up as per the guidelines. About 90% of construction of campus of NIPER, Guwahati has been completed and that of NIPER Ahmedabad has commenced. The details of funds allocated/released for development of seven existing NIPERs during the last two years, i.e., 2019-20 and 2020-21 are as under:

(Rs. in cr.)

NIPER	2019-20	2020-21
Mohali	30.60	50.55
Ahmedabad	18.50	36.50
Guwahati	43.90	34.45
Hyderabad	27.00	30.50
Hajipur	5.00	15.00
Kolkata	18.00	23.00
Raebareli	17.01	22.00
Total	160.01	212.00*

* Fund released up to 15.03.2021.
