

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1076  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS OF ICMR**

**1076. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:**

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

- (a) the details of major research projects started by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the shortage/vacant posts of scientists and experts in ICMR has adversely affected its functioning and the progress of various projects initiated by it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reformative measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government for capacity building and strengthening of ICMR and streamlining its functioning?

**ANSWER  
THE HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

**(a):** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous body under the Department of Health Research (DHR), through its 27 research institutes across India as well as through extramural funding to promote research in institutes other than ICMR, medical colleges, Universities and non-governmental organizations conducts research in the area of various communicable as well as non-communicable diseases. Major areas of research conducted by ICMR Institutes are available at ICMR's website at the link: [https://main.icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/upload\\_documents/ICMR\\_achievements\\_2018\\_2021.pdf](https://main.icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/upload_documents/ICMR_achievements_2018_2021.pdf)

**(b) to (d):** Vacancies are filled up regularly by following due process. The knowledge and skills of scientific personnel are regularly updated through their participation in various national and international level trainings, workshops and conferences.

As part of streamlining of ICMR, 7 small institutes of ICMR have been merged into existing institutes. The mandates of the smaller institutes have been included in that of the parent institutes thus broadening their research expertise and complementing each other's capacities. Also, a number of fellowships have been initiated to nurture clinical scientists. Treasury Single Account (TSA) system is implemented under which entire grant of ICMR is released in RBI as Assignment rather than actual release, leaving no unspent balance with ICMR.

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