GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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Medical Device Parks

3712 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the number of Medical Device Parks that have been opened till now particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) the rationale employed to select States under this scheme;
- (c) the steps being taken to promote research and invention at these parks; and
- (d) the details of an invention or innovation, if any, that has taken place in these parks in Karnataka till now?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): The Department is implementing the scheme "Promotion of Medical Devices Parks", with a total financial outlay of Rs. 400 crore and the maximum assistance under the scheme for one Medical Device Park would be limited to Rs. 100 crore. The tenure of the scheme is from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2024-2025 and the selected Medical Device Park project will be implemented by a State Implementing Agency (SIA).

The criteria for selection of Medical Device parks under the scheme has been mentioned in the guidelines of the scheme and the same may be seen at https://pharmaceuticals.gov.in/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20of%20the%20Scheme%20Promotion%20of%20Medical%20Devices%20Parks_1.pdf.

Under the scheme, Department of Pharmaceuticals has received proposals from 16 States/Union Territories including Karnataka. The proposals were evaluated as per the criteria given in the scheme guidelines and final approval for financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore each has been given to the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

The Department is implementing the "Promotion of Medical Devices Parks" scheme, with the objectives

- to create world class infrastructure facilities in order to make Indian medical device industry a global leader,
- to provide easy access to standard testing and infrastructure facilities through creation
 of world class Common Infrastructure Facilities for increased competitiveness, that will
 result into significant reduction of the cost of production of medical devices leading to
 better availability and affordability of medical devices in the domestic market and
- to exploit the benefits arising due to optimization of resources and economies of scale.