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Scheme for strengthening the medical device industry

1308 Shri Kunwar Ratanjeet Pratap Narayan Singh:

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

- (a) the initial impact of the Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry on local manufacturing of the medical device industry;
- (b) the data on the increase in self-reliance in the medical device sector after the launch of the scheme;
- (c) the estimated long-term impact of Government's investment in medical device clusters under this scheme;
- (d) the impact of supporting medical device clinical studies under this scheme; and
- (e) the methods used under this scheme to reduce import of raw materials for medical devices?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (e): The scheme for Strengthening of Medical Device Industry have been launched on 8.11.2024 with the objective to provide support in critical areas of the medical device industry, covering manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure and industry promotion and consists of following sub-schemes. The initial impact of the scheme is as under:

- (i) In-principle approvals have been granted to establish four common facilities for moulding, 3D-design etc., and six testing facilities for testing implants, high-end equipment, etc., with a total committed investment of ₹55 crore from promoters.
- (ii) In-principle approvals have been granted to 18 institutions for running degree/diploma courses related to medical devices to meet the skilled manpower needs of the industry.
- (iii) Applications have been received from 63 manufacturers and academic institutions for support to carry out clinical studies of medical devices. The applications that receive approval after due processing would result in promoting new clinical studies to help establish safety of medical devices.

The scheme includes the sub-scheme for marginal investment to reduce import-dependence on raw materials, key components and accessories used in medical devices. Proposals for total investments of over ₹1,500 crore have been received for support to medical device manufacturing companies.

Import and export data beyond the month in which the scheme was launched are not available.
