available with the team and instructions are sought as to whom they should be handed over to:

1.	Dr.	A.C. Hazarika,	Sd/-
2.	Dr.	M.R. Chowdhury	\$d/-
3.	Dr.	Krishna Kumar	Sd/-
4.	Dr.	N.K. Kashyap	Sd/-
5.	Dr.	Srinivas Tata	Sd/-

New Delhi.

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Funds for Medical Research

- *215. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to earmark more funds for medical research in the Tenth Plan period; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the principal body responsible for conducting and supporting medical research in India. Research studies are being conducted at the ICMR institutes and supported in medical colleges, universities, or other research institutes. Against 9th Five Year Plan allocation of Rs. 338.17 crores to Indian Council of Medical Research, in the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07), an outlay of Rs. 1000 crores has been proposed to the Planning Commission. As the size of the Xth Plan is yet to be finalized, it will not be possible to mention the extend of funding approved in the Xth Plan. Some of the major proposed activities of ICMR during the Xth Plan are as under:—

- 1. Collection, compilation and analysis of health statistics.
- 2. Disease surveillance using tools of molecular biology for both communicable and non-communicable diseases.
- 3. Application tools of bio-informatics to develop a health research system.
- 4. Environmental and occupational health and risk assessment.
- 5. Intellectual property rights/technology transfer.

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- Mental health.
- Pharmacogenomics.
- 8. Vaccines and diagnostics.
- 9. Medical ethics in Gene manipulation and Stem Cell Research.
- 10. Food quality monitoring
- 11. Diseases to which SC and ST are generally prone.
- 12. National Programme for Control and Treatment Occupational Diseases.
- 13. Medical Care for remote and marginalized Tribal and Nomadic Communities.
- 14. Research on Tuberculosis, Diarroheal diseases, Leprosy, Malaria, Filariasis, Leishmaniasis, HIV/AIDS, Poliomyelitis, viral diseases like Japanese encephalities, Dengue virus, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis 'C', Hepatitis 'E', Measles, Leptospirosis, Cancer, etc.

Funds given to NMFDC

- *216. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the funds given to the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation during the period 2000-2001 and from 1st April, 2001 to 31st December, 2001:
- (b) the amount spent by the Corporation during the said period; and
 - (c) the details of the items on which the amount was spent?
- THE JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Central Government has contributed Rs. 25 crore and Rs. 15.26 crore as Share Capital to the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMFDC) during 2000-2001 and April-December, 2001 Governments/Union respectively. The State Administrations have contributed Rs. 6.10 crore and Rs. 4.65 crore to the Corporation during the said periods respectively.