

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

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025

Promotion of advanced medical and diagnostics devices

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

- (a) whether a dedicated policy or programme is in place or being formulated that promotes the transition to advanced medical instruments and diagnostics, such as needle-free injectors, point-of-care testing devices and wearable health monitors, with an aim to enhance accessibility and affordability for the general public;
- (b) the provisions made or proposed under this policy for financial assistance, such as grants, subsidies and others, to support research and development (R&D), domestic manufacturing and scale-up of these advanced healthcare solutions; and
- (c) the mechanisms envisaged or implemented to ensure widespread adoption, including public-private partnerships, bulk procurement initiatives or pilot deployments within Government health facilities?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS**

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(a) to (c): Several initiatives have been undertaken to promote adoption of advanced medical devices including advanced medical instruments and diagnostics, to support R&D, manufacturing and scale-up of technology solutions for such advanced medical devices and to promote widespread adoption of such solutions including in Government health facilities. These include the following:

- (i) *Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices:* This scheme aims to promote domestic manufacturing of medical devices by attracting large investments for creation of domestic manufacturing capacity and incentivising domestic production. It has a five-year performance-linked incentive period from FY2022-23 to FY2026-27. Under the scheme, selected companies are eligible for financial incentive for incremental sales of domestically manufactured medical devices in the radiotherapy, imaging device, anaesthesia, cardio-respiratory and critical care and implant device segments, for a period of five years.
- (ii) *Scheme for Promotion of Medical Devices Parks:* This scheme aims to create common infrastructure and testing facilities for increased competitiveness and cost reduction through optimisation of resources and economies of scale, thereby leading to better availability and affordability of medical devices in the domestic market. Under the

scheme, three parks have been approved and are at an advanced stage of development in Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) and Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu). This is expected to enhance industry's competitiveness and reduce production costs through optimisation of resources and economies of scale.

- (iii) *Scheme for Strengthening Medical Device Industry*: This scheme aims to strengthen the medical device industry by providing support in critical areas, including manufacturing of key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure, and industry promotion.
- (iv) *Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order*: The Department of Pharmaceuticals, vide its orders dated 16.2.2021 and 25.3.2021, has notified under the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017, 135 *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices and 19 other medical devices respectively in respect of which there is sufficient local capacity and local competition available in the country, enabling procurement of these devices only from Class-I local suppliers (local content equal to or more than 50%).
- (v) *National Medical Devices Policy, 2023*: This embodies a holistic policy framework to accelerate growth of the sector with a patient-centric approach to meet the evolving healthcare needs of patients.
- (vi) *Scheme for Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector (PRIP)*: Under the scheme, seven Centres of Excellence have been set up, one at each of the seven National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, for creating research infrastructure and promoting R&D in identified areas. The Centre of Excellence for Medical Device has been established at NIPER Ahmedabad. Further, the scheme also provides for financial assistance to industry, start-ups and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) for R&D in identified priority areas which *inter alia* includes medical devices.
