

R&D spending by major players is about 10-15 percent of the total revenues and the added attraction of tax savings helps in setting up more and more R&D units. Added to this, the DBT funding also helps in taking

some risks. For example we have two projects, one from SBIRI and another from BIRAP. These are having some risks, but since these are funded by the DBT, we can afford to take some risks with respect to the investments and project.

Bhat Biotech India was the first company to bring Chikungunya kits to the Indian market and still is the market leader. Now, we are looking at bringing newer kits for TB, and many molecular diagnostic kits. We see that there is a huge potential for the molecular diagnostic kits in India and other countries.

- Dr Shama Bhat, CMD, Bhat Biotech India