

## **INDIA ATTAINS FULL ADHERENT STATUS ON MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF DATA (MAD) IN OECD**

- On March 3, 2011, India accepted the invitation of OECD Council to become a full adherent to OECD Council Act related to Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) in assessment of chemicals and to join that part of chemicals programme related to MAD, with all of the rights and obligations of OECD member countries.
- India now takes part as a full participant in that joint meeting of the countries and Working Party on the Chemicals, Pesticides and biotechnology that concerns MAD, as well as in the Working Groups on Good Laboratory Practice and of National Test Guideline coordinators.
- The major implication of India's full adherence to the MAD system is that non-clinical health and environment safety data generated in India under the conditions of 1981 and 1989 Council Act will be accepted by OECD member countries and other adhering countries for purposes of assessment and other uses related to protection of man and environment.