

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.04.2010
ANSWERED ON
. IMPACT OF PATENTS ON PHARMA INDUSTRY .

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Shri Prakash Javadekar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether India is granting products patents to pharmaceutical inventions/innovations;
- (b) if so, how many products patents have been granted to the pharmaceutical inventions/innovations from 1st of January, 2007 to 31st March, 2010; and
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any study of its impact on cost of medicines thus patented and impact on Indian Pharma Industry?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Indian Patent Office granted 3691 patents to pharmaceutical products between 1st January, 2007 and 31st March, 2010.

(c): No, Sir.