

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

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STARRED QUESTION No. 114  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**Decline in new pharma product  
launches**

\*114. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Pharma Industry has witnessed a decline in new product launches, from 3505 pharma product brands in 2011 to 3150 in 2018;

(b) if so, whether their impact on growth and contribution to the Indian pharma market has also reduced over the last 7-8 years; and

(c) whether it has come to Government's notice that decline is due to in-licensing route taken by the companies and decline in both the volume and value of new product launches in select therapeutic segments, such as, anti-infectives and gastroenteritis, which are exposed to price controls?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)**

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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 114 FOR REPLY ON 27.07.2018**

(a), (b) & (c): As per the information available from Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) the details of number of permissions granted by CDSCO for new drugs under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetic Act, 1940 & Rules, 1945 are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Permissions</b>
2011	526
2012	311
2013	299
2014	254
2015	172
2016	194
2017	212
2018 (as on 23.07.2018)	180
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2148</u></b>

While on the one hand, a decline is noticed between 2011 and 2014, on the other hand, new drug permissions are on ascendancy from 2015 onwards. Therefore, there is no definite pattern of decline as such. Moreover, the Annual turnover for pharma industry has increased from Rs. 57,262 crores in 2011 to Rs. 121,312 crores in 2018 witnessing a growth of more than 10% per annum during the period. Details of Annual turnover for pharma industry for the last 8 years are as under:

Annual Turnover for year ending (Rs in Crores)								
Month	31 MAY 2011	31 MAY 2012	31 MAY 2013	31 MAY 2014	31 MAY 2015	31 MAY 2016	31 MAY 2017	31 MAY 2018
Amount	57,262	66,191	73,181	81,278	92,789	104,011	114,231	121,312

Also, the annual turnover for products in select therapeutic segments, such as, anti-infective medicines and gastro intestinal medicines, which are exposed to price controls are also increasing over the years as shown in the table below:

Annual Turnover for year ending (Rs in Crores)								
Super Group	31 MAY 2011	31 MAY 2012	31 MAY 2013	31 MAY 2014	31 MAY 2015	31 MAY 2016	31 MAY 2017	31 MAY 2018
ANTI-INFECTIVE medicines	10,541	11,834	12,619	12,801	14,296	15,596	16,300	16,620
GASTRO INTESTINAL medicines	6,527	7,429	8,262	9,182	10,659	12,042	13,250	14,092