

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1325
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th July, 2021

Scheme to increase export of fertilizers and chemicals

1325 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) the status of import and export of medicine, chemicals and fertilizers manufacturing plants operating in chemical and fertilizer sector of the country and the schemes to increase the export of fertilizers and chemicals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to run Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) medicine plant at Rishikesh in Uttarakhand;
- (d) whether all the other parallelly approved medicine manufacturing plants have become operational; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to set up any new plant at Uttarakhand as it is doing a good work in the field of medicine?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The status of imports and exports of medicines, chemicals and fertilizers for FY of 2020-2021 is as follows:

Items	Value of Imports (Rs. Crore)	Value of Exports (Rs. Crore)
Chemicals*	373708	279319
Medicines*	2628	180551
Fertilizers**	18261.45	-

Source: *DGCIS, Kolkata, ** Only in respect of imported UREA

(c) to (e): There are five Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals. The government has taken decisions for closure of two of them, viz., Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) and Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (RDPL) and strategic disinvestment of the remaining three, viz., Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL) and Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL).

While BCPL, HAL and KAPL are presently operational, the production activities at IDPL and RDPL had been stopped. Committee of Ministers has taken a decision on 27th May, 2021 to return the leasehold land of IDPL's Rishikesh plant back to the Government of Uttarakhand.
