

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1452  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**Promoting generic, indigenously manufactured drugs and medicines**

**1452 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for using/promoting indigenously manufactured drugs and medicines during the last six years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plan for making generic medicines accessible in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has identified such places where a huge shortage of generic medicines persists; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a): In order to encourage the domestic manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched two Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, viz., PLI Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates (DIs)/ Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) within an outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores and PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals with an outlay of Rs. 15,000 cr. Further, a Scheme for providing financial assistance for creation of common infrastructure facilities in Bulk Drug Parks with a financial outlay of Rs. 3,000 crores has also been launched.

(b) to (c): In order to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all citizens, especially the poor and the deprived ones, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has been launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals wherein about 9,182 dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened till 28.02.2023 all across the country.

(d) to (e): No specific area has been identified where huge shortage of generic medicines persists. On receipt of any complaint about shortage of any medicine, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals takes remedial steps for ensuring availability of drugs by impressing upon concerned companies to rush the stocks to the places of shortage. Moreover, in order to expand the reach of generic medicines, the implementing agency of the PMBJP scheme, viz., Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) has recently invited online applications from 651 districts of the country where the coverage of the PMBJKs is relatively low.

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