

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 509
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

Consumption of generic medicines in the country

**509 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:
Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the total consumption of generic medicines in the country in the last five years; and
(b) the steps taken by Government to increase its production and to provide affordable and quality medicines to the general public?

ANSWER

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

(a): Indian Pharmaceuticals Industry is 3rd largest by volume and 13th largest by value in the world producing more than 60,000 generic drugs across 60 therapeutic categories. The annual turnover of the pharmaceutical sector during the last 5 years is as under:

Financial Year	Turnover (Rs. in Crore)
2017-2018	2,26,423
2018-2019	2,58,534
2019-2020	2,89,998
2020-2021	3,28,054
2021-2022	3,44,125

No separate data, is however, maintained regarding generic medicines.

(b): In order to encourage domestic manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs, including generic medicines, 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) with an outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores and PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals with an outlay of Rs. 15,000 cr. Further, 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.
