

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 826
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

Improvement in productivity, quality and sustainability in pharmaceutical industry

826 # Shri Aditya Prasad:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government as on date to improve the productivity, quality and sustainability of existing pharma clusters across the country with the objective of strengthening the pharmaceutical industry;
- (b) the plans for expansion of pharma clusters in other States including Jharkhand and the progress made as on date; and
- (c) whether any new scheme is formulated to provide financial, technical and policy support to pharma clusters under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The Department of Pharmaceuticals is implementing the umbrella scheme “Strengthening of Pharmaceutical Industry” (SPI) with an outlay of ₹500 crore for the period from the financial year (FY) 2021-22 to FY 2025-26. The scheme addresses the demand for support to the existing pharmaceutical clusters and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country, to improve their productivity, quality and sustainability.

Under the Assistance to Pharmaceutical Industry for Common Facilities (API-CF) scheme of the SPI umbrella scheme, support is provided to strengthen the capacities of existing pharmaceutical clusters for their sustained growth, by creating tangible assets as common facilities, namely, research and development labs, testing laboratory, effluent treatment plants, logistics and training centres, etc. Outlay of the scheme is ₹178.40 crore, for the scheme tenure of five years from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26. Seven projects have so far been approved under this scheme.

Under the Revamped Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance scheme (RPTUAS) of the SPI umbrella scheme, support is provided to existing pharmaceutical units to upgrade their technological capabilities to the revised Schedule M / World Health

Organization (WHO) – Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards. Outlay of the scheme is ₹300.10 crore, for the scheme tenure up to FY 2025-26.

Under RPTUAS, support is provided for existing pharmaceutical units in the form of incentive ranging from 10% to 20%, subject to a maximum of ₹2 crore, on eligible items such as utilities, clean room facility, testing lab, stability chamber, effluent treatment / waste management, consultation/certification expenses and production equipment. Till 7.2.2025, 103 applications have been approved by the Department.

(b) and (c): Under the API-CF scheme, support is provided only to existing pharmaceutical clusters. Applications are received online through the API-CF scheme portal and are examined for approval under the scheme. No application under the scheme has so far been received from the State of Jharkhand. Further, no new scheme is currently under formulation to provide support to pharmaceutical clusters.
