

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1945
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH 2026

Dependence on China for APIs

1945 Ms. Dola Sen:

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

- (a) the list of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) for which imports from China accounted for 70 per cent or more of India's total imports in 2023-24 and 2024-25, along with the corresponding import values;
- (b) the domestic demand and installed capacity for these high-dependence APIs and if any capacity additions approved and commissioned since 2020; and
- (c) the progress under the PLI scheme specifically for APIs, number of projects, capacities created and incentives disbursed?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

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(a): The list of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for which imports from China accounted for 70 percent or more of India's total imports in FY2023-24 and FY2024-25, along with the corresponding import values is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): The domestic demand for high-dependence APIs is dynamic and driven by the requirements of the formulation industry for both domestic consumption and exports. Installed capacity for these APIs is primarily within the private sector. Since 2020, through various policy interventions such as the Scheme for Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes, the Government has facilitated the creation of an ecosystem for domestic manufacturing. Under the PLI Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs) /Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in India (commonly known as "PLI Scheme for Bulk Drugs"), domestic manufacturing capacity of approximately 56,800 MT per annum has been established for 28 out of 41 identified critical products. The list of these 28 products is placed at Annexure-II. As of December 2025, 38 greenfield projects covering 28 notified products have been commissioned under the Scheme.

(c): Out of 41 products notified under PLI Scheme for Bulk Drugs, 33 products have been subscribed. A total of 48 greenfield projects has been approved under the Scheme, covering these

33 notified products, with an aggregate committed investment of ₹4,329.95 crore. Against this commitment, actual investment of ₹4,814.1 crore has already been achieved.

As of December 2025, 38 projects (out of 48 approved projects) covering 28 products (out of 33 subscribed products) have been commissioned, resulting in establishment of domestic manufacturing capacity of approximately 56,800 MT per annum for identified critical products. The scheme has resulted in cumulative sales of ₹2,720 crore reported till December 2025, including exports of ₹527.96 crore, thereby avoiding imports worth ₹2,192.04 crore. The Scheme has also generated employment for 4,896 employment persons till December, 2025

As of December 2025, a total incentive of ₹54.81 crore has been disbursed to the eligible applicants.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1945, to be answered on 10.3.2026

HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	Import from China FY2023-24 Value (in USD Mn)	China Dependence (in %) FY2023-24	Import from China FY2024-25 Value (in USD Mn)	China Dependence (in %) FY2024-25
29419013	RIFA OR RIFA S SODIUM (RIFAINT)	8.37	100.00	15.44	100.00
29214236	METHYL DOPA (L-ALPHA METHYL-3, 4-DIHYDROXYPHENYLA	13.75	100.00	12.16	100.00
29420026	CYSTEANUNE HCL	2.49	100.00	2.85	100.00
29359014	SULPHADIMIDINE	1.76	100.00	1.44	100.00
29359024	SULPHAMIDE	1.15	100.00	0.83	100.00
29419060	NORFLOXACIN AND ITS SALTS	3.60	99.99	12.31	99.90
29124940	3,4,5-TRIMETHOXY-BENZALDEHYEDE	1.09	100.00	0.40	99.88
29412010	STREPTOMYCINS	2.18	99.91	4.64	99.86
29419040	GENTAMYCIN AND ITS SALTS	8.04	99.86	8.51	99.72
29413020	TETRACYCLINE/OXYTETRA - CYCLINE AND HR SALTS	10.75	99.84	11.40	99.65
29420016	D (-) PARA HYDROXY DANES SALTS	21.02	99.91	27.20	99.54
29242910	ACETANILIDE	12.26	99.85	13.38	99.47
29420011	CEFADROXIL	1.08	99.21	1.69	99.05
29171970	ETHOXY METHYLENE MALONATE, DIETHYL MALONATE	19.77	99.93	19.34	98.13
29420015	DANES SALT OF D (-) PHENYL GLYCINE	18.07	98.06	19.03	100.00
29335200	MALONYLUREA (BARBITURIC ACID) AND ITS SALS	5.36	98.00	4.58	100.00
29419050	NEOMYCIN	3.69	99.67	2.48	97.48
29224910	AMINO ACETIC ACID (GLYCINE)	13.83	97.66	25.49	99.25
29419030	CIPROFLOXACINE AND ITS SALTS	8.16	97.98	9.33	98.02
29262000	1-CYANO GUANIDINE(DICYANDIAMIDE)	76.58	97.95	70.45	97.94

29414000	CHLORAMPHENICOL AND ITS DERIVATIVES SALTS THEREOF	3.08	97.81	2.42	96.99
29379019	OTHER	4.68	97.33	5.71	95.16
29372100	CORTISONE, HYDROCORTISONE, PREDNISONE (DEHY-DROCORTISONE) AND F	41.12	96.48	37.67	95.41
29182110	SALICYLIC ACID	23.88	95.22	24.54	96.16
29415000	ERTHROMYCIN AND ITS DERIVATIVES SALTS THEREOF	153.75	93.04	166.31	97.65
29411050	6 – APA	396.51	94.08	407.64	95.92
29333100	PYRIDINE AND ITS SALTS	29.13	93.64	22.89	94.95
29362610	VITAMIN B12 (CYNOCOBALAMIN)	31.32	92.62	25.33	93.82
29332920	METRONIDAZOLE METRONIDIAZOLE BENZOATE	8.14	94.46	10.04	91.73
29362290	OTHER VITAMIN B11 AND ITS DRIVATIVES	3.03	95.47	3.08	88.85
29420032	CIMETIDINE	0.85	98.49	0.55	84.48
29420012	IBUPROFANE	10.48	99.34	6.43	80.73
29411030	AMOXYCILLINE AND ITS SALTS	42.22	90.00	37.96	88.29
29419011	RIFAMPICIN	8.14	89.17	39.61	89.01
29419090	OTHER ANTIBIOTICS	730.01	88.39	694.26	88.15
29411020	AMPICILLINE AND ITS SALTS	0.71	78.41	0.38	97.33
29224100	LYSINE AND ITS ESTERS SALTS THEREOF	93.40	85.32	120.82	89.13
29333916	BETA PICOLINE (3-METHYL PYRIDINE)	10.86	82.71	13.85	90.61
29362700	VITAMIN C (ASCORBIC ACID) AND ITS DERIVATIVES	21.48	82.45	22.35	87.76
29411010	PENICILLINS AND ITS SALTS	192.15	77.03	215.51	92.87
29362210	VITAMIN B11 (THIAMINE, ANEURINE) AND ITS SALT	10.18	85.32	15.59	81.77
29332990	OTHER COMPNDS CNTNG AN UNFUSED IMIDAZOLE RING (W/N HYDROGENATED	64.00	81.69	66.36	82.33
29331999	OTHER	223.72	76.14	139.67	79.63
29420090	OTHER DILOXANIDE FUROATE, CIMETIDINE, FAMOTIDINE NES	250.40	75.29	262.11	78.96
29362500	VITAMIN B6 AND ITS DERIVATIVES	7.69	63.50	12.83	88.28
29333918	LUTIDINE (DIMETHYLE PYRIDINE)	0.03	50.00	2.98	100.00

29183030	NALIDIXIC ACID	0.05	50.00	0.72	100.00
29263000	FENPROPOREX (INN) AND ITS SALTS	0.00	50.00	0.00	100.00
29241100	MEPROBAMATE (INN)	0.00	50.00	2.03	100.00
29331920	1(2:5 DCHLR-4-SLPHPHNYL)-3-METHYL-5-PYRAZLN	2.25	50.00	0.16	99.43
29331940	PHENYL-METHYL PYRAZOLONE	0.00	50.00	0.82	99.29
29335400	OTHER DERIVATIVES OF MALONYLUREA (BARBITURIC ACID)	0.15	49.83	0.31	99.43
29181610	CALCIUM GLUCONATE	0.01	48.64	9.05	99.86
29331980	OXYPHENBUTAZONE	0.00	50.00	0.01	97.90
29371100	SOMATOTROPIN, ITS DERIVATIVES AND STRUCTURAL ANALOGUES	0.01	50.00	0.01	96.79
29215120	M-PHENYLENEDIAMINE (M-DIAMINOBENZENE)	0.04	46.74	4.02	98.72
29335910	AMINOPHYLLINE(CORDOPHYLIN)	0.08	49.99	0.76	95.44
29372900	OTHR STEROIDAL HORMONES THEIR DERIVATIVES AND STRUCTURAL ANALOGUES	101.22	77.00	73.98	68.21
29331970	ANALGIN	0.75	46.67	4.33	96.29
29333929	Other	13.84	75.51	11.71	66.48
29215110	O- PHENYLENEDIAMINE	1.18	47.56	14.83	94.05
29225015	L-TYROSINE(P-HYDROXYPHENYLAMINE)	0.01	50.00	2.64	91.13
29335940	1 - AMINO-4METHYL PIPERAZINE	0.01	49.73	0.01	90.64
29362950	VITAMIN H (BIOLIN)	1.19	67.40	0.93	71.22
29331910	3-CARBOXY (PARA SLPHPHNYL)-5 PYRAZOLONE	0.10	49.05	0.13	89.54
29379020	AMINO-ACID DERIVATIVES	1.97	55.67	9.07	82.29
29395900	OTHER THEOPHYLLINE AND AMINOPHYLLINE THEIR DERIVATIVES, SALTS	1.52	63.12	3.08	73.86
29163400	PHENYLACETIC ACID AND ITS SALTS	0.00	29.57	5.79	99.94
29225021	FRUSEMIDE	0.02	40.10	0.36	85.43
29329300	PIPERANOL	0.11	28.53	2.53	92.62
29333200	PIPERIDINE AND ITS SALTS	0.08	13.84	6.80	96.04

29331100	PHENAZONE (ANTIPYRIN) AND ITS DERIVATIVES	0.00	10.41	1.22	98.47
29359011	SULPHAMETHOXAZOLE	0.02	25.14	0.02	82.72
29332910	TINIDAZOLE	0.00	9.76	0.33	96.80
29224920	N-METHYL TAURINE	0.08	23.49	1.00	82.32
29181120	CALCIUM LACTATE	0.00	2.11	0.37	98.86
29331960	1-(M-SULPHOPHENYL)-3-PYRAZOLONE	0.00	0.00	0.28	100.00
29335920	TRIMETHOPRIM	0.00	0.01	0.25	99.65
29332950	ALBENDAZOLE	0.01	0.44	1.53	98.94
29224210	GLUTAMIC ACID	0.00	15.19	0.59	83.50
29154010	MONOCHLOROACETIC ACID, THEIR SALTS AND ESTERS	0.13	12.91	1.96	85.75
29419014	1 - AMINO -4 - METHYL PIPERAZINE (RIFAINT)	0.00	0.00	0.07	98.01
29095010	GUAIACOL	0.00	2.26	1.87	95.51
29225013	PROCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE	0.00	0.00	0.02	96.46
29359013	SULPHADIAZINE	0.00	0.44	0.61	88.08
29231000	CHOLINE AND ITS SALTS	0.13	9.29	2.31	78.93
29051410	ETHAMBUTOL, ETHAMBUTOL HYDROCHLORIDE	0.00	2.27	3.70	82.23
29333911	AMINO PYRIDINE	0.03	2.07	7.51	80.22
29182310	METHYL SALICYLATE	0.00	0.01	1.11	81.07
29332100	HYDANTOIN AND ITS DERIVATIVES	0.00	0.02	2.86	71.69

(Source: DGCI&S)

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1945, to be answered on 10.3.2026

S. No.	Name of product being manufactured
1	Penicillin G
2	Clavulanic Acid
3	Rifampicin
4	Dexamethasone
5	Prednisolone
6	1,1 Cyclohexane Diacetic Acid (CDA)
7	Dicyandiamide (DCDA)
8	Para Amino Phenol
9	Aspirin
10	Diclofenac Sodium
11	Losartan
12	Olmesartan
13	Sulfadiazine
14	Telmisartan
15	Artesunate
16	Atorvastatin
17	Carbamazepine
18	Oxcarbazepine
19	Ofloxacin
20	Norfloxacin
21	Vitamin B6
22	Carbidopa
23	Levodopa
24	Levofloxacin
25	Acyclovir
26	Levetiracetam
27	Lopinavir
28	Valsartan
