

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3157
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st March, 2017

Raw Material for Manufacturing of Medicines

3157. SHRI SULTAN AHMED:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and percentage of raw material produced in the country for manufacturing medicines;
- (b) the quantity of raw material imported from China during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether suggestions have been received from certain quarters to minimize dependence on Chinese sources; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): The data relating to bulk drug production in the country is not maintained in the Department.

(b): As per CMIE economic outlook, imports of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) during the last two years were as under:-

Years	Imports from China (Rs. Crores)
2014-15	12757.96
2015-16	13853.20
2016-17(Till December,2016)	9120.82

(c): The Government wherever required, discusses with all the stakeholders including manufacturers to see how best the difficulties being faced by them can be removed. This is an ongoing process.

(d): The government has withdrawn exemption of customs duty on certain categories of Bulk Drugs/APIs to provide a level playing field to the domestic manufacturers. Further, the government is clearing bottlenecks like environment clearance etc. which the manufacturers are facing, in order to give a boost to domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs. However, it may be mentioned that most of the imports of the Bulk Drug/APIs being done in the country are because of economic consideration. Besides, the current policy of price-regulation permits margins to absorb market variations in prices of various raw materials

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