

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 508  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

**Affordable Medicines**

**508. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has been implementing a policy to achieve the objective of providing affordable medicine to all;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any financial assistance is presently being given to the State Governments and private institutions for the same and if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): The Pharmaceutical Policy announced by the Government from time to time envisages making available quality medicines at reasonable prices to the masses.

(c): No financial assistance is at present being given to the State Governments and private institutions by the Department. However, the Department is operating a scheme namely Cluster Development Programme for Pharma Sector (CDP-PS) in Public Private Partnership made through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) through one time grant –in-aid to be released for creation of identified infrastructure and common facilities in the form of Common Facility Centers (CFC). This would help the manufacturers to reduce their cost of production which would result in making available quality medicines at reasonable prices to the masses. Another scheme namely Pharmaceuticals Promotion and Development Scheme (PPDS) is also being operated to provide grant-in-aid to Associations/Institutes etc. for promotion, development and export promotion in Pharmaceutical Sector.

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