

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2131
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st July, 2018

Manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals

2131. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been promoting the domestic manufacturing of pharmaceuticals; and
- (b) 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 Government is committed to make India sufficiently self-reliant in end to end indigenous drug manufacturing by reducing the import dependence on drugs and to make Indian Pharma Industry globally competitive. The policies formulated by Government from time to time are made so that the country's dependence on imports are minimized and to give fillip to indigenous manufacturing. In this direction, the Government vide its notification dated 28th January, 2016 has withdrawn exemption of customs duty of certain categories of Bulk Drugs/APIs. The Government is also facilitating all kinds of clearances required by the manufacturers to give a boost to domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs. Further, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has prepared an umbrella scheme namely '**Scheme for Development of Pharmaceutical Industry**' with the objective to increase the efficiency and competitiveness of domestic pharmaceutical industry so as to enable them to play a lead role in the global market and to ensure accessibility, availability and affordability of quality pharmaceuticals of mass consumption. The umbrella scheme has the following sub-schemes:-

- (i) Assistance to Bulk Drug Industry for Common Facility Centre;
- (ii) Assistance to Medical Device Industry for Common Facility Centre;
- (iii) Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS);
- (iv) Assistance for Cluster Development; and
- (v) Pharmaceutical Promotion Development Scheme (PPDS)

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