GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 463 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER, 2022

MANUFACTURING OF INDIGENOUS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

463: SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY: SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has called upon the industries to focus more on the healthcare sector and make efforts to manufacture medical equipment in the States across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether several equipment such as CT scan, MRI scan, high-end digital Xray, digital mammography, linear accelerator, brachytherapy and such high end machined ventilators are only imported and if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost indigenous manufacturing of such medical equipment and the funds sanctioned and spent in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Indian manufacturers (individually or jointly with foreign partners) have shown interest in setting up manufacturing units for production of medical devices for which the country is dependent majorly on imports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): Several manufacturing licenses have been issued for high-end equipments such as CT scan, MRI scan, high-end digital X-ray, digital mammography, linear accelerator. At the same time these high end equipments are also imported from various countries.

Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that they have taken the following programmatic interventions to encourage domestic manufacturing to reduce import dependency of medical devices:

i. Under the scheme "Promotion of Medical Devices Parks", final approval for financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore each has been given to the States of Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for establishment of common facilities in their Medical Device Parks. The Parks will provide common testing and laboratory

facilities / centre at one place reducing the manufacturing cost significantly and help in creating a robust ecosystem for medical device manufacturing in the country. First installment of Rs. 30 crore has been released to each of the selected States.

- ii. Under the sub-scheme "Assistance to Medical Device Industry for Common Facility Centre", approval for grant-in-aid of Rs. 25 crore was provided to Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone Ltd. (AMTZ), Andhra Pradesh for establishment of Common Facility for Super conducting magnetic coil testing and research facility.
- iii. Under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Pharmaceuticals, with the tenure from FY 2020-2021 to 2028-29, five (5) industry applicants have been selected under the scheme for in-vitro diagnostic medical devices.
- iv. Under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices with a financial outlay of Rs. 3,420 Cr and with the tenure from FY 2020-21 to FY 2027-28, financial incentive is given to selected companies at the rate of 5% of incremental sales of medical devices manufactured in India for a period of five (5) years. The following four segments under the scheme, cover high-end medical devices
 - a. Cancer care/Radiotherapy medical devices
 - b. Radiology & Imaging medical devices (both ionizing & non-ionizing radiation products) and Nuclear Imaging Devices
 - c. Anaesthetics & Cardio-Respiratory medical devices including Catheters of Cardio-respiratory Category & Renal Care Medical Devices
 - d. All Implants including implantable electronic devices. In total 21 applicants have been approved under the scheme. The list of selected applicants is also available on Department of Pharmaceuticals website (https://pharmaceuticals.gov.in/sites/default/files/List%20of%20approved%20applicants%20MD%20_0.pdf)
