

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1430  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**PLI for Nutraceuticals and Dietary Supplements**

**1430. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has plans to introduce a PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme or Research Linked Incentive scheme for nutraceuticals and dietary supplements;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details on the status of the progress made by the Task Force on Nutraceuticals under the Principal Scientific Advisor;
- (d) whether the Government has plans to introduce any other support for the domestic manufacturing of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) besides the existing PLI scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) and (b): The Department of Pharmaceuticals is not handling the subject of nutraceuticals and dietary supplements.

(c): As per information received from Office of Principle Scientific Advisor, a Task Force on Nutraceutical Sector under the Chairmanship of the Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI (PSA to GoI) was constituted in December, 2021 to evolve a road map to provide a thrust to Nutraceutical Sector and facilitate unlocking the sectors' growth potential by addressing the challenges the industry is facing. So far, three meetings of Task Force have been held and formation of the Nutraceutical Panel has been done under the Department of Commerce

(d) & (e): The Department of Pharmaceuticals Department implements various programmes to minimize country's dependence on imports and to give fillip to indigenous manufacturing of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) / Bulk Drugs and the details are as follows :

- i. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Bulk Drugs, with a financial outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores and the tenure from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2029-30, provides for financial incentive for 41 identified products. Out of these, 21 projects have already been commissioned with the installed capacity of 33,895 MT.

- ii. The Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Pharmaceuticals, with a financial outlay Rs. 15,000 crores and the tenure from FY 2020- 2021 to FY 2028-29, provides for financial incentive to 55 selected applicants for manufacturing of identified products under three categories for a period of six year. The eligible drugs under this scheme also include APIs.
- iii. Scheme for Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks, with a financial outlay of Rs. 3,000 crores and the tenure from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2024-25, provides for financial assistance of Rs 1000 crore each to the State of Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat for establishing Bulk Drug Parks. The financial assistance will be given for creation of common infrastructure facilities which will be used by the industrial units which will get established in these Parks.

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