

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4850
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST March, 2023

Supply of APIs for Life Saving Drugs

**4850. SHRI TAPIR GAO:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Department of Pharmaceuticals has adopted any measures to ensure steady supply of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) necessary for production of life saving drugs across the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The Government of India has taken several measures to encourage domestic manufacturing and steady supply of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in the country. The schematic interventions to support domestic manufacturing of APIs are as follows;

- i. The *Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in India*, with a financial outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores and the tenure from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2029-30, provides for the financial incentive for 41 identified products. A total of 51 applications have been selected under the scheme. Out of these, 22 projects have already been commissioned with the installed capacity of 34,255 MT.
- ii. *PLI 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 years. This scheme also covers the APIs, other than those covered under the PLI scheme under Bulk Drugs as mentioned at Point (i).
- iii. Under the *Scheme for Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks*, proposals of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh have been approved for financial support to facilitate setting up of three (3) Bulk Drug Parks in the country. The total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs. 3000 crore and the tenure of the Scheme is from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The financial assistance by the centre is subject to a maximum limit of Rs.1000 Crore per park or 70% of the project cost of CIF (90% in case of North Eastern States and Hilly States), whichever is less.
