

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1418  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**Consumption of Generic Medicines**

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

- (a) the total consumption of generic medicines in the country in the last three years, year-wise; and  
(b) the action plan that has been prepared by the Government to increase its production and to provide cheap and quality medicines to public in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): Indian Pharmaceuticals Industry is 3<sup>rd</sup> largest by volume and 13<sup>th</sup> largest by value in the world producing more than 60,000 generic drugs across 60 therapeutic categories. The annual turnover of the pharmaceutical sector during the last 3 years is as under:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Turnover (Rs. in Crore)</b>
2019-2020	2,89,998
2020-2021	3,28,054
2021-2022	3,44,125

No separate data, is however, maintained regarding generic medicines.

(b): In order to encourage domestic manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs, including generic medicines, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched two Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, viz., PLI Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates (DIs)/ Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) with an outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores and PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals with an outlay of Rs. 15,000 cr. Further, in order to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all citizens, especially the poor and the deprived ones, *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) has been launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals wherein about 9512 dedicated outlets known as *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened in the country. The Government has decided to open 10,000 PMBJKs by March, 2024.

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