

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3858
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th March, 2020

Import of Medical Devices

3858. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately eighty per cent of the medical equipments used for critical care are being imported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total import of medical devices along with the implication of foreign exchange during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has planned to establish multiple medical device parks across several States of the country to support medical technology innovation and manufacturing under Make in India initiative; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a) & (b): The country is dependent on imports of medical devices to an extent of 85%. The total amount of foreign exchange incurred on imports of medical devices during the last three financial years is as under:

Financial Year	Import Value (USD MN)
2016-17	4406.9
2017-18	5009.5
2018-19	6204.0

(c) & (d): Department of Pharmaceuticals has a sub-scheme viz. Assistance to Medical Device Industry for Common Facility Center under the umbrella scheme for Development of Pharmaceuticals Industry. Under this sub-scheme, financial assistance to the tune of Rs.25 Crore or 70% of the project cost, whichever is less may be provided for creation of common facilities under any upcoming Medical Device Park promoted by State Governments/State Corporations. Department has received four proposals seeking financial assistance under this sub-scheme from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The “in-principle” approval has been given to proposals received from State Governments of Telangana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu while “final approval” has been given to the proposal received from Andhra Pradesh.

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