

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 278
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th September, 2020

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

278. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) the list of countries exporting Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) to India along with the quantities over the last five years;
- (b) the top 10 APIs imported the most along with the quantity and the exporting countries;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce import dependence on China;
- (d) the list of 53 APIs short-listed by the Government for incentives;
- (e) whether the industry is seeking regulatory easing to reduce import dependence on China for APIs;
- (f) if so, the list of regulatory changes sought by the pharmaceuticals industry;
- (g) whether the Government intends to undertake regulatory easing to support the incentives given to boost API production in the country; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

- (a): Major countries exporting Bulk Drugs, Drug Intermediates to India along with the quantities (in KG) over the last five years are as follows:-

COUNTRY	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
CHINA P RP	158286479	169225985	191174327	202316645	220875185
U S A	12942970	12552957	9445178	10551727	8432828
ITALY	6476083	5042917	6504361	5298475	3868835
SINGAPORE	16459493	18962888	17691122	28781901	28310604
SPAIN	3028792	3479217	2353083	2390950	2714854

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

- (b): The top 10 APIs imported the most along with the quantity during the year 2019 from China, Germany, United States of America, Italy, Singapore, Japan, Switzerland, Spain, United Kingdom etc. is as under:-

S.No.	APIs	Quantity (MTs)
1	Lactulose Solution	5106.8
2	Potassium Clavulanate	3558.5
3	Penicilline G Potassium 1ST Crystal	3203.4
4	Mannitol	2524.2
5	Lactitol Monohydrate	1368.2
6	Vitamin C (Ascorbic acid)	1313.0

7	Ibuprofen	1201.1
8	Ceftriaxone Sodium	1194.9
9	Calcium Gluconate Granular	876.4
10	Paracetamol	843.8

Source: CDSCO

(c): With a view to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in APIs/ Bulk drugs, the government prepared two schemes viz. (i) "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" and (ii) Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks which were approved by the Union Cabinet on 20.03.2020.

(d): **List of 53 APIs short-listed by the Government for incentives is as under:-**

S. No.	Name of the product	S. No.	Name of the product
1.	Amoxicillin	28.	Ciprofloxacin
2.	Azithromycin	29.	Losartan
3.	Erythromycin Stearate/ Estolate	30.	Telmisartan
4.	Ceftriaxone	31.	Artesunate
5.	Cefoperazone	32.	Norfloxacin
6.	Cefixime	33.	Ofloxacin
7.	Cephalexin	34.	Metronidazole
8.	Piperacillin Tazobactam	35.	Sulfadiazine
9.	Sulbactam	36.	Levofloxacin
10.	Dexamethasone	37.	Meropenem
11.	Prednisolone	38.	Paracetamol
12.	Metformin	39.	Tinidazole
13.	Gabapentin	40.	Ornidazole
14.	Rifampicin	41.	Ritonavir
15.	Vitamin B1	42.	Diclofenac Sodium
16.	Vitamin B6	43.	Aspirin
17.	Clindamycin Phosphate	44.	Levetiracetam
18.	Clindamycin HCL	45.	Carbidopa
19.	Streptomycin	46.	Levodopa
20.	Neomycin	47.	Carbamazepine
21.	Gentamycin	48.	Oxcarbazepine
22.	Doxycycline	49.	Valsartan
23.	Potassium Clavulanate	50.	Olmesartan
24.	Oxytetracycline	51.	Atorvastatin
25.	Tetracycline	52.	Acyclovir
26.	Clarithromycin	53.	Lopinavir
27.	Betamethasone		

(e): No Sir. As industry has no issue in importing from China.

(f): In view of (e) above, does not arise.

(g) & (h): No Sir.

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