

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 423
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th September, 2020

Import of Bulk Drugs/APIs

423. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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

- (a) the details of imports of various Bulk Drugs/ Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for producing medicines during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the total value of imports of such APIs from China during the said period;
- (c) whether due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, the imports have been curtailed; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to mitigate the shortage of such APIs ?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the available data received from various port offices of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization, the details of imports of various Bulk Drugs/Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for producing medicines during the last three years is given as under:-

Year	Value (in Rs crore)
2017-18	5097
2018-19	7066
2019-20	8247

(b): The total value of imports of such APIs from China during the said periods is as under.

Year	Value (in Rs crore)
2017-18	3497
2018-19	4701
2019-20	5970

(c): As per the available information from various port offices of the CDSCO, import of drugs has not been stopped due to outbreak of Corona virus. The CDSCO has not received any report of shortage of stocks at present with the manufacturers.

(d): Central Government has issued notification vide S.O. 2450(E) dated 27.07.2020 which is valid for 6 months providing that if a Registration Certificate holder makes an application for a fresh import registration certificate before the expiry of the existing certificate, the existing registration certificate shall be valid until orders are passed on the application & shall be deemed to be valid for all purposes. With a view to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in APIs/ Bulk drugs, the government has rolled out 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". The scheme guidelines were issued on 27th July, 2020.

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