

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2488
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd AUGUST, 2021

Setting up of Bulk Clusters

2488. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up bulk clusters of public private partnership (PPP) made for production of pharmaceutical drugs;
- (b) whether any innovation clusters has been built for this purpose to produce new drugs, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the bulk manufacturing units will lead to the reduction in imports of drugs in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the cost burden of raw materials has been seen as an obstacle in the setting up of the production clusters?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d): In order to fulfill its mandate for providing assistance to the industries dealt, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched an Umbrella scheme for 'Development of Pharmaceutical Industry', which has various components.

(i) One of the sub-schemes, namely Scheme for 'Assistance to Pharmaceutical Industry for Common Facilities' provides financial assistance up to Rs. 20 cr. per cluster or 70% of the project cost, whichever is less, for creation of common facilities in the cluster. The Scheme is implemented in a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

(ii) Another sub-scheme for 'Promotion' of Bulk Drug Parks' aims to bring down the cost of manufacturing of bulk drugs by creating world class common infrastructure facilities. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for creation of Common Infrastructure Facilities (CIF) subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 1,000 crore per park or 70% of the project cost of CIF (90% in case of North Eastern States and Hilly States), whichever is less. The Scheme is to be implemented through State Implementing Agency (SIA) set up by the State Government to implement the Project.

(iii) Another sub-scheme, namely 'Production Link Incentive (PLI) scheme for promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates (Dis)/Active pharmaceuticals Ingredients (APIs) in India' has been launched to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in critical KSMs/DIs/APIs. Under the Scheme, financial incentives are provided to the selected applicants on incremental sales over the base year for a period of 6 years. On appraisal of the applications received, in total 43 projects have been approved under the scheme, which will result in committed investment of about Rs. 4425.13 cr.
