

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3297
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th DECEMBER, 2021

Cluster Development Programme in Pharma Sector

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

- (a) the broad objectives of the Cluster Development Programme for pharma sector;
- (b) the funds allocated to various Clusters/Parks thereunder in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for further growth of the pharmaceutical industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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(a): Department of Pharmaceuticals implements a scheme, viz., 'Assistance to Pharmaceutical Industry for Common Facilities (API-CF)' with an objective to strengthen the existing infrastructure facilities in order to make India a global leader in Pharma Sector by providing financial assistance to pharma clusters for creation of Common Facilities.

(b): The year-wise expenditure under the scheme during last three years is as under:

2018-19:	Rs. 2.30 cr
2019-20:	Rs. 2.23 cr.
2020-21:	Rs. 7.22 cr.

Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has approved an outlay of Rs. 500 cr. for a period of five years, viz. 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the scheme for 'Assistance to Pharmaceutical Industry for Common Facilities (API-CF)' along with two other schemes namely, 'Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS)' and 'Pharmaceutical Promotion and Development Scheme (PPDS)'.

Another scheme namely 'Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks' intends to promote setting up of Bulk Drug parks in the country for providing easy access to world-class common infrastructure facilities to bulk drug units located in the parks with an outlay of Rs. 3,000 cr.

(c) & (d): In order to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in critical Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients/ Key Starting Materials/ Drug Intermediaries, a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Bulk Drugs has been launched by the Department with an outlay of Rs. 6,940 crores. Under the Scheme, 50 applicants have been approved. Further, another PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals, to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities by increasing investment and production in the sector has been launched with an outlay of Rs 15,000 cr., under which 55 applicants have been approved.
