

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3376
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2021

Support to Pharma Technology Institutes

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

- (a) whether any special initiative have been taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government for advancement of pharma technology institutes in order to reduce dependency on imports for active pharmaceutical materials in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): Department of Pharmaceuticals has set up seven National Institutes of Pharmaceuticals Education and Research (NIPERs) at Mohali (Punjab), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hajipur (Bihar), Hyderabad (Telangana), Guwahati (Assam), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh) to nurture and promote quality and excellence in pharmaceutical education and research in India. These are institute of national importance, which besides imparting master's and doctorate education, conduct high end research in various specializations in the field of pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

An amount of about Rs. 937 cr. has been released to these NIPERs during last five years. Since inception, about 7,347 Masters and 467 PhD fellows have passed out from these institutions, 5,277 research papers published in various reputed journals, 301 patents filed and 161 MOUs signed with industry and other academic institutions.

Parliament has recently passed NIPER (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which aim to improve administrative functioning of these institutes and enhance the number and scope of courses being offered by them.

Further, the Government has recently launched Production Linked Investment (PLI) Scheme for enhancing domestic production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)/ Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediaries (DIs). NIPERs have been associated with the scheme for providing technical assistance, testing facilities, etc.

(c) Does not arise.
