Medicines for Rare Genetic Disorders

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

(a) whether the Government is making efforts to promote domestic manufacturing of medicines for rare genetic disorders considering their scarce availability and prohibitive cost; and
(b) if so, the outcome of the efforts made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
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(a) & (b): In order to make the country Atmanirbhar in pharmaceuticals, the Department of Pharmaceuticals is implementing the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals with total financial outlay of Rs. 15,000 crore and tenure from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2028-29. The scheme covers pharmaceutical goods under three different categories. One of the product segment under the Category-1 is Orphan drugs, including those used for treatment of rare diseases. The scheme provides for incentives, based on their incremental sales for 6 years.