

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. 223

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December, 2015

Pharmaceutical Hub

*223. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the demand and supply of the Pharmaceutical Active Ingredients from indigenous sources and imports including from China and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to promote India as a Pharmaceutical manufacturing hub and set up an Advanced Research Centre in the country, if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard along with the funds provided for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to launch a scheme for upgrading the Central and State Pharma/drug laboratories and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the Pharmaceutical Parks being proposed by the Union Government; and
- (e) the policy initiatives taken/proposed by the Union Government to promote pharmaceutical manufacturing in the country in sync with 'Make in India' concept?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
STARRED QUESTION NO. *223 FOR REPLY ON 15.12.2015**

(a): The Government has not assessed the demand and supply of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) as the market data relating to production is not available as the market is divided into captive and merchant market and capacities are not divulged due to competitive reasons. However, Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in its report based on triangulating data from various sources and assuming that formulations consume approximately 40-45% API has stated that, the total production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) during the year 2013 was approximately US\$ 10.4 billion, out of this API consumption in domestic market was approximately US\$ 5.6 billion, API consumption in export formulations was approximately US\$ 3.9 billion, API exported was approximately US\$ 4.4 billion. Out of this, the shortfall was met through imports of approximately US\$ 3.5 billion as per Boston Report. About 60% of the imports were from China.

(b), (d) and (e): The Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Health Research to look into the Bulk Drug/ API issues. The Committee was mandated to carefully study the whole issue of APIs of critical importance by identifying important APIs and then working out a package of interventions/concessions required to build domestic production capabilities and examine the cost implications. The Committee has since submitted its recommendations. The salient features of the same have been put up for comments in the public domain. The recommendations of the Committee are being examined in consultation with the stakeholders. Once these recommendations are implemented, it would provide a roadmap for the strengthening of the Bulk Drug/ API industry.

(c): The Department of Pharmaceuticals at present does not have any proposal for a scheme for upgrading the Central and State Pharma/Drug laboratories.

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