GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4515 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2016

INDIAN PHARMA EXPORT

4515. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Indian pharma exports are declining in the last two years due to shortfall of raw materials and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has advised the pharma companies to manufacture indegenously substantial raw materials used for drugs manufacturing;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): As per information compiled by Pharmexil, pharma exports have increased during last three years as detailed below:

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Increase percentage	13.8	4.4	17

(b) & (c): With a view to ensure better quality of Active Pharmaceuticals ingredients, the Government encourages domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs/raw material.