

Title: Regarding development of pharmaceutical sector and service conditions of pharmacists

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA (ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS): The pharma industry has seen a rapid rise in the past three years with rapid digitization. The advanced research in the field has opened gates for newer avenues of treatment for mankind. The pharmaceutical industry is expected to grow to \$ 1.5 trillion by 2023. The pharma industry presently employs over 2.7 million people in high skill areas like R&D and manufacturing. However, the overall development of pharma sector and in particular the pharmacists require urgent reforms in order to capitalize the potential and create more jobs. Currently, pharmacy matters are dealt by three different Ministries and there is a an urgent need to reform the functioning of Pharmacy Council of India in order to ensure that it is the flag bearer for the development and welfare of pharmacists. I request the Government to create Pharmacy Cell at par with the Nursing Cell under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and form a cadre of pharmacist with promotional avenues for pharmacist with entry grade pay of Rs. 4600 as per 6th Central Pay Commission. CPC. In addition to this, I also request the Government to streamline recruitment of pharmacists under the Health Department of Andaman and Nicobar Administration which lies pending since 2018.