

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:862  
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000  
TASK FORCE ON PHARMACEUTICALS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have constituted Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and knowledge-based industries to identify strategies for strengthening the traditional medicine segment.
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith its composition and functions of the Task Force.
- (c) The time by which the report of the Task Force is likely to be available ; and
- (d) The details of major policy decisions taken to make Indian Pharma Industry, a global leader ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS )

(a) to (d) Government have constituted a Task Froce on Pharmaceuticals and Knowledge-based Industries. The composition and the Terms of Reference are enclosed at Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE UNSTARRED LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 862 FOR ANSWER ON 29.2.2000

**COMPOSITION OF THE TASK FORCE :**

1. Shri Murlī Manohar Joshi   Chairman  
   HRD Minister
2. Shri Yashwant Sinha    Member  
   Finance Minister
3. Shri Suresh Prabhu    Member  
   Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers
4. Shri Pramod Mahajan, Minister   Member  
   for Parliamentary Affairs
5. Shri Ajay Pīramal    Member
6. Shri D.S. Brar        Member
7. Dr. Anji Reddy        Member
8. Shri N.R. Narayana Murthy   Member
9. President, IDMA       Member
10. Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, DG, CSIR   Member
11. Shri N.K. Singh,    Member  
   Secretary to PM
12. Shri Arvind Verma,   Member Secretary  
   Secretary,  
   Deptt. of Chemicals &  
   Petrochemicals

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To evaluate the status of the pharmaceutical industry in India and to identify the strategy required for each of its sectors in order to enable this industry to become a world leader.
2. To suggest the steps and any policy modification required for implementing the strategy expeditiously.
3. To recommend an enabling policy framework which is conducive for increased domestic and foreign investment in Indian R&D and achieve quantum growth in production and exports of bulk drugs and formulations.
4. To oversee expeditious implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Pharmaceutical Research & Development Committee set up by the Government of India as well as the recommendations of the 'Group of Knowledge Based Industries' set up by the Prime Minister's Council on Trade & Industry.
5. To suggest measures for strengthening the development and growth of traditional medicines such as 'Ayurveda and natural products for significantly augmenting their production and exports.