

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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R & D IN DOMESTIC PHARMA INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Greater Synergy in drug industry vital' appearing in The Hindustan Times dated November 16, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details and facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the R&D position of domestic pharma industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The news item refers to an address delivered by DGHS at the annual symposia of India Institute of Foreign Trade in which it was stated that in order to build the Indian pharma industry into a global brand it is required to have increased synergy between the government and the private sector in respect of R&D, product quality etc.

(c)&(d): A Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals has looked into various issues for improving R&D in the country.