

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

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VISION TO INCREASE THE MODERN DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalized a 10 year vision statement for the pharmaceutical industry to increase the availability of modern drugs ;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof ;
- (c) whether any steps are proposed to improve the manufacturing standards for drugs ;
- (d) if so, whether any financial assistance is likely to be given to drug producers ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) : A paper entitled "Drugs and Pharmaceuticals-Vision 2010" was discussed in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of Members of Parliament attached to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers held on July 9, 2001.

(c) to (e) : To improve the manufacturing standards for drugs, the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 were amended by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, vide GSR894(E) dated 11.12.2001, revising the Schedule M to the said rules pertaining to Good Manufacturing Practices and requirements of Premises, Plant and Equipment for Pharmaceuticals. Workshops have been conducted in various parts of the country to familiarize the manufacturers with the new provisions incorporated in the Schedule. Besides, steps are also taken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to strengthen drug control organisations at centre and state levels.