

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

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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Undertakings in the Pharmaceutical Sector on the Research and Development work as compared to Private Sector during the last three years;
- (b) whether some of the Pharmaceutical Public Sector Undertakings have been declared sick and have been closed down;
- (c) if so, whether the medicines produced by these PSUs are now being imported by spending foreign exchanges; and
- (d) if not, the alternative arrangements made by the Government for availability of medicines in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

- (a) During the last three years, Pharma CPSUs have incurred expenditure on Research & Development work, as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of CPSU	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)		
		2005-06	2006-07	2007-08

1.	Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited	12.16	12.59	15.18
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2.	Hindustan Antibiotics Limited	110.46	112.24	123.46
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3.	Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited	17.90	31.87	34.00
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The information in respect of expenditure incurred by Private Sector on Research & Development is not maintained.

- (b) Yes Sir.

- (c) No Sir.

- (d) Pharmaceutical sector in India has grown substantially over the years and medicines for most therapeutic categories are being produced indigenously by the private sector. This includes most of the medicines produced by the pharma public sector undertakings.