

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:200
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REVIVAL OF PHARMACEUTICALS UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of public sector Pharmaceuticals units have been closed down;
- (b) if so, the number of such closed units and their locations;
- (c) the number of workers affected thereby;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive those units; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Starred Question No.200 for 11.12.2008 regarding revival of Pharmaceuticals Units.

- (a) Out of 10 Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings, only four Pharmaceutical Public Sector Undertakings have been closed.
- (b) & (c): The following public sector Pharmaceuticals companies have been closed based on the orders of Board for Industrial and Financial Restructuring:

No. of workers
Affected.

(i) Bengal Immunity Limited (BIL) 775
Kolkata

(ii) Smith Stainistreet Limited (SSPL) 519
Kolkata

(iii) Maharashtra Antibiotics &
Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (MAPL) Nagpur 234

In addition one Pharmaceutical Central Public Sector Undertaking namely Manipur State Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (MSDPL), was closed on account of unavoidable circumstances as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company, which included representatives of the State Government. Suitable retrenchment compensation/Voluntary Separation Scheme, benefits have been given to the workers of each of these CPSUs.

However, the following major Pharmaceutical Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) are being revived by the Government as per the approved revival packages for each of these CPSUs-

(i) Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pune,

(ii) Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Kolkata

In addition a revival package for another such large CPSU, i.e. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) is under consideration.

(d) & (e) No, Sir, However, considering the directions of Appellate Authority for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR), Government is examining the possibility of revival of Bengal Immunity Limited (BIL), Kolkata.