

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW MARKETS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding annual growth of export of pharmaceutical products by India during the last three years;
- (b) whether measures have been taken to reach out to the markets in US, Europe and other countries during this period;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (d) whether generic products are at risk of losing the patents by the year 2010;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the strategy planned to explore new markets and increase production and export of pharma products?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Details regarding annual growth of export of pharmaceutical products by India in the last three years are given below:

Rs. in crores

Commodity Name	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	CAGR 3 years
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Exports	26,895.18	30,759.64	39,537.66	21.25%
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Growth Rate	21.61	14.37	28.54	
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(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Various export promotion activities have been undertaken as per Foreign Trade Policy for increasing the exports of drug and pharmaceuticals as is evident from the growth rate indicated above.

(d) & (e): As generics are product-equivalents of innovator's branded products, whose patents have expired, there is no patents protection for generic products. Since generic drugs are not covered under Patents, there is no risk of losing patents.

(f): Government provides assistance under Market Development Scheme (MDA) and Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme to all Indian exporters, including exporters of Pharmaceutical products. Besides this, incentives to Pharmaceutical industry are available in various trade promotion schemes like Focus Market Scheme, Market Linked Focus Product Scheme etc. in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2009-14.

A Government constituted Task Force in its Report has made wide ranging recommendations for increasing the production and exports of pharmaceutical products from India. These recommendations have been conveyed to the concerned Ministries/Departments for implementation. These Ministries/Departments accordingly have chalked out action plans towards implementing the proposed steps for augmenting exports.