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EXPORT OF PHARMA PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recommendations made by the Task Force on the problems being faced by the exporters of Pharmaceutical products;
- (b) the areas identified as bottlenecks for smooth exports and the suggestions to eliminate such bottlenecks, in detail;
- (c) the specific measures taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Task Force;
- (d) the targets outlined and the outcome achieved by the Government for the export of pharmaceutical products during the last three years; and
- (e) the measures being adopted by the Government to achieve the targets?

Answer

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

(a) Task Force made several wide ranging recommendations including:

- (i) Public and private initiative on a mega scale in pharmaceutical sector
- (ii) Treat investments in Quality on par with R&D to enhance Quality and Skilled Scientific Personnel.
- (iii) Revival of Indian Drug Intermediate industry
- (iv) Revival of Fermentation Capabilities of India

(b) Stringent entry regulations of the developed market is the biggest bottleneck along with lack of the ability with Indian pharmaceutical companies to compete with MNCs for New Drug Discovery, Research and commercialization of molecules on a worldwide basis due to lack of resources.

It has been suggested that marketing alliances for MNC products in both domestic and international market, entry into mature and more remunerative markets like Japan, Brazil, Russia, CIS etc., expansion of biotechnology generics and biopharmaceuticals etc. to eliminate bottlenecks.

(c) Action Plans have been chalked out by the concerned Ministries/ Departments for implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force.

(d) Pharma exports for the last 3 years are as follows:

Year Rs. in crores

2006-07	26,895.18
2007-08	30,759.64
2008-09	39,537.66

Pharma industry is growing at about 22% (CAGR) for the last 3 years.

(e) Various incentives are given to the pharma exporters viz., Advance authorizations, DEPB licences, Focus Market scheme, Focus Product Scheme etc. Through MDA & MAI schemes of Department of Commerce, Govt. of India is providing incentives to the exporters and also to the Export Promotion Councils for taking up various export promotional activities. Financial assistance is also available from department of Pharmaceuticals for undertaking export promotional activities and for Patent Facilitation centres at Hyderabad and Mohali.

