

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1200

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CENTRALIZING OF AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES

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

(a) whether the pharmaceutical industry has expressed concern over centralizing the process of awarding Certificates of Good manufacturing Practices for Pharmaceutical Products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to resolve the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have informed that Major industry associations like Indian Drugs Manufacturers Association (IDMA) has welcomed the centralization of issuance of Certificate of Pharmaceutical Products (COPP). However certain industry associations have filed writ petitions in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madras. The courts have granted interim stay in the matter and the matter is subjudice.