

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

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UNREGISTERED DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of drug manufacturing companies in the country along with their production capacity;
- (b) whether several unregistered drug companies are manufacturing drugs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against such companies?

Answer

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

(a): As per the information furnished by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), there are over 10,500 pharmaceutical manufacturers in the country. Production details of all these companies are not centrally maintained in the Department of Pharmaceuticals nor in the Office of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization.

(b) to (d): Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has informed that unregistered drug companies do not exist as license is required to manufacture drugs and all manufacturers have to obtain a license to manufacture drugs.