

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry is going through a transformative phase with a number of local firms selling out to Multi National Companies (MNCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some MNCs have launched campaign against the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has made any complaint to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith further measures taken by the Government to counter the said campaign by MNCs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (d): The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry is undergoing rapid expansion. Government is aware of events relating to mergers and acquisitions of Indian Pharmaceutical companies with Multi National Companies. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has taken steps to counter various MNCs campaign specially on IPR issues with the help of FICCI, Pharmexcil, domestic Pharma associations and Indian missions abroad.

(e) : No.

(f): Does not arise.