

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

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OUTSTANDING DEALS BETWEEN PHARMA COMPANIES

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

(a) whether an increase in the number of outstanding deals between the domestic drug companies and pharmaceutical Multi National Companies (MNCs) has triggered huge capacity expansion programmes in the drug manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status; and

(c) the steps being taken to resolve such issues in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (c): Government is aware of the events relating mergers and acquisitions of companies, including pharmaceutical companies. Mutual takeover of companies may or may not result in capacity expansion. It entirely depends on the programmes of the acquiring company.