GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1898 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2010 R & D IN PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR Viswanathan Shri P.;Wankhede Shri Subhash Bapurao

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

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Undertakings in the Pharmaceutical Sector on the Research and Development work as compared to private sector during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether some of the Pharmaceutical Public Sector Undertakings have been declared sick and have been closed down;

(c) if so, whether the medicines which were manufactured by these PSUs are now being imported; and

(d) if not, the alternative arrangements made by the Government for the availability of those medicines in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Undertakings in the Pharmaceuticals Sector on the Research and Development work during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Rs. in Lakh)
Name of PSUs 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (Prov)
Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals 215.00 11.00 16.00 4.00
Limited (IDPL)
Hindustan Antibiotics 102.43 114.51 125.96 46.18
Limited (HAL)
Bengal Chemicals & 0.04 0.45 0.50 350.00
Pharmaceuticals Limited(BCPL)
Karnataka Antibiotics & 44.60 44.21 35.42 11.00
Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL)
Rajasthan Drugs & - - - Pharmaceuticals Limited (RDPL)

It includes Capital expenditure too.

(b): A list of sick and closed Pharmaceutical Public Sector Undertakings is as under:-

Sl. No. NameofPSU Status

2. Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL), Kolkata Sick under BIFR

3. Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), Gurgaon Sick under BIFR

4. Bengal Immunity Limited (BIL), Kolkata Closed

5. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited (SSPL), Kolkata Closed

6. Maharashtra Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (MAPL), Closed Nagpur

7. Manipur State Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (MSDPL), Manipur Closed

8. Orissa Drugs & Chemicals Limited (ODCL), Bhuvaneshwar Closed

(c): Therapitic equivalents of the Medicines manufactured by the closed PSUs are being manufactured by the Domestic Drug Manufacturers of the Country.

(d): Doesn't arise.