

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

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MANUFACTURING OF MEDICINES BY SMALL SCALE UNITS

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

- (a) whether the small scale units are manufacturing medicines in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such units functioning in the small-scale sector in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the value of medicines manufactured by these units on an average annually;
- (d) the percentage of value of such medicines out of the value of total medicines produced;
- (e) whether the government proposes to buy generic drugs from small and medium enterprises for distribution to masses at affordable prices;
- (f) if so, whether the quality control of these SME units has been taken into consideration; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b); Yes Sir, as per the information furnished by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, there are total 1549262 Micro and Small Scale enterprises working in the country.
- (c) & (d): This information is not maintained by the Department of Pharmaceuticals.
- (e), (f) & (g); Every Government Department purchase medicines for distribution, keeping into consideration the quality and price of these medicines.