

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL DRUG MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to small drug manufacturing companies for upgrading their plants to World Health Organisation's (WHO) standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified such companies;
- (d) if so, the total number of these companies; and
- (e) the financial implications of the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) Presently, Department of Pharmaceuticals has no proposal to provide financial assistance to Small Drug Manufacturing Companies for upgrading their plants to World Health Organization's (WHO) Standard.

However, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) to provide incentives to micro and small enterprises for technology upgradation for approved 47 Sub-Sectors including Pharmaceuticals Sub-Sector. Under this scheme, 15% capital subsidy is provided up to a loan of Rs. 1.0 crore as per the guidelines of the Scheme. 178 technologies required for Schedule 'M' compliance and National/International standards in the Drugs & Pharmaceuticals sector were added to the list of eligible technologies under the Scheme on 13.7.2009. 246 drugs and Pharmaceuticals micro and small enterprises have availed the subsidy amounting to Rs. 15.50 crore till June, 2011 since inception of the scheme.

(c) No, Sir

(d) & (e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) as above.