

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

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EXPENDITURE OF R & D
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the Pharmaceutical Sector on the Research and Development (R&D)- work compared to Private Sector during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether some of the above PSUs have been declared sick and closed down;
- (c) if so, whether the medicines produced by these PSUs are now being imported by spending foreign exchanges;and
- (d) if not, the alternative arrangements made by the Government for the availability of medicines in the country?

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) The expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the Pharmaceutical Sector on the Research and Development (R&D) work during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:

Rs in Lacs

| Year | IDPL | HAL | KAPL | BCPL | RDPL |
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| 2008-09 | 10.55 | 114.51 | 4421 | 0.45 | Nil |
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| 2009-10 | 3.13 | 126.48 | 45.66 | 0.55 | Nil |
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| 2010-11 | 3.53 | 143.14 | 75.14 | 0.40 | Nil |
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| 2011-12 | Nil | 52.48 | 12.81 | Nil | Nil |
| | (upto July. 11) | (upto August, 11) | | | |

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- (b) to (d) IDPL, HAL & BCPL of the above PSUs are sick. However, these PSUs are in operation and manufacturing of medicine in

these PSUs is going on. The import of medicines into the country at present is done as per the Foreign Trade Policy which is administered by Department of Commerce. The Pharmaceutical Policy as amended from time to time envisages making available medicines at reasonable price to the masses.