

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

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SUPPLY OF DRUGS

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

(a) whether the Multi National drug firms have warned the Indian generic producers to stop supplying drugs to treat chronic diseases like AIDS, cancer and cardio-vascular problems; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In 2009, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Indian generic drug manufacturers were facing direct and indirect hindrance in exports to various destinations across the world. One of the most vexing problems faced by the Indian Pharmaceutical exporters was seizure of their goods at various EU transit ports, in compliance to the EU regulation No. 1383/2003, with regard to pharmaceutical products.

Department of Commerce had taken up the matter at various International/Government forums to sort this issue out on the advice of the Department of Pharmaceuticals. Department of Pharmaceuticals had also suggested to the Department of Commerce to formulate an incentive scheme for willing Indian Pharma exporters to Latin America to meet the freight disadvantages while undertaking longer alternative route.