

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

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REVIVAL OF PHARMACEUTICAL UNITS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive the Public Sector Pharmaceutical units including Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd, (IDPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) so as to provide medicines and drugs to the consumer at cheaper prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these companies are likely to commence production?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government has approved rehabilitation schemes for revival of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) & Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL). The rehabilitation scheme to revive Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) is under consideration. However, efforts are being made to explore the possibility of revival of Bengal Immunity Limited (BIL), Kolkata.

(c) HAL, BCPL & IDPL are already engaged in production of medicines.