

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6164
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SEIZURE OF CHINESE DRUGS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some consignments of pharmaceuticals and drugs exported to Africa from China were seized and labels of made in India were found pasted on them during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government alongwith the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese authorities; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Chinese authorities in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. An established Indian company's brand `CIPROTAB`, of V.S. International India, Mumbai, which was popular in Nigeria as an Indian make was counterfeited by Chinese makers.

(c) to (e) A strong protest was lodged with concerned Chinese authorities with a request to take stringent action against such unscrupulous elements. Consequent to India's strong protest, the Chinese Government conducted an investigation and found a nexus between Chinese drug manufacturers and importers in Nigeria. Government of India was informed by Chinese Government that the principal suspects have been caught and their factories sealed and that suitable action against the accused would be taken as per their law.