

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

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES

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

- (a) the number of companies in the country which have their own Research and Development set up in pharmaceutical sector both in the public and private sectors, separately;
- (b) whether some of the public sector companies do not have their own Research and Development facilities; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Information is not maintained in respect of private sector in this regard in the Department of Pharmaceuticals. Hindustan Antibiotic Limited, Pune, a Public Sector Enterprise, has its own Research & Development Unit mainly for development of new formulations.
- (b) Hindustan Antibiotic Limited (HAL), Public Sector Enterprise, has its own Research and Development unit mainly for development of new formulations. Four Public Sector Enterprises, namely Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (KAPL), Bengaluru, Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (RDPL), Jaipur, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Gurgaon and Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL), Kolkata do not have their own Research and Development facilities.
- (c) Three out of five CPSEs referred to at (b) above viz. HAL, BCPL and IDPL are Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) referred sick companies and are in the process of revival. Two companies, viz KAPL and RDPL are profit making companies. Due to huge investment involved, at present there is no specific proposal to invest in Research & Development activities of these Pharma Public Sector Companies.