

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF VENTURE CAPITAL FUND

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up a venture capital fund for pharmaceutical sector;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives for launching the fund;
- (c) the amount earmarked for this purpose;
- (d) whether this fund will also cover the development of generic drug industry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which this venture capital fund will be set up?

Answer

THE 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) to (f). The Department has included in the Report of Working Group on Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Industry for the 12th Plan, submitted to the Planning Commission, a proposal for setting up Pharma Venture Capital Fund with an outlay of Rs. 500/- crore for investment of identified funds into a newly created specialised private equity / Venture Capital that undertakes Research & Development (R&D) investments into companies in the Pharmaceutical industry. National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (NIPFP) was entrusted a study in this regard, NIPFP has since submitted Detailed Project Report, including Feasibility Report, on the subject matter. After due examination of the report, it will be submitted to Planning Commission for approval.