

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MARKETING OF PATENTED MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of applications filed for grant of patents in the field of drugs/ pharmaceuticals are pending;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry maintains data of the product patented medicines that are marketed in India presently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. At present, 9,103 requests for examination are pending with the Indian Patent Office in respect of applications in the field of pharmaceuticals and drugs.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.