

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2122  
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL DRUG MAKERS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to small drug makers to upgrade their manufacturing plans to WHO standards so that they can sell their medicines in unregulated markets overseas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government's assistance include subsidized loan or one time grant;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Department of Pharmaceuticals has sent any proposal to the Planning Commission in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the export of Indian drugs is growing at over 15 per cent a year and going to be a global supplier of low-cost drugs in a few years; and g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME) is supporting SME Units in Pharmaceutical Sector through various schemes -Credit Link Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) to provide incentive to Micro and Small Enterprises for technology up-gradation, Credit Guarantee Scheme,

ISO-9000/ISO14001/HACCP reimbursement scheme, Micro and Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises and National Manufacturing Competitive Programme (NMCP) to enhance their productivity and Competitiveness.

Under CLCSS - 16168 units have availed subsidy of Rs.843 Crore till 31-03-2012. In regard of Drug and Pharmaceuticals 294 units have availed Rs. 19.76 Crore subsidy since inception of the scheme.

(d) &(e) : Department of Pharmaceuticals (then Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals) had earlier proposed a Pharmaceuticals Technical Up-gradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS) under the 11th Plan for getting `in principle` approval of Planning Commission. However, as per decision of EFC, the Scheme for providing assistance to small drug makers was tweaked with the CLCSS Scheme of MSME.

(f) & (g): India is among the top 20 pharmaceutical exporting countries and the exports have grown significantly in the 11th plan period. The year-wise value of exports of `Drugs and Pharmaceuticals and Fine Chemicals` for the last 5 years is as follows:

Year Value of Exports of Drugs and Growth (%)  
Pharmaceuticals and Fine Chemicals`  
(Rs.in crore)

2006-07 25,666 20.89

2007-08 29,354 14.37

2008-09 39,821 35.66

2009-10	42,456	6.62
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2010-11	47,551	12.00
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Indian drugs are exported to around 200 countries in the world with highly regulated markets of USA, UK etc. The vision of the Department of Pharmaceuticals is `To make India the Largest Global Provider of Quality Medicines at Reasonable Prices`.