

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

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IMPORT OF PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and status of various issues till date that have been deliberated by the Inter-Ministers Committee formed as per the recommendations of the 45th Report of Parliamentary Committee on Health under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals;
- (b) whether more than eighty per cent of active pharmaceutical ingredients are being imported from China by the Indian pharmaceutical industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the infrastructure, documentation as per WHO of the small and medium industry?

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): No Inter Ministers Committee was formed as per the recommendations of the 45th Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health. However, a High Powered Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee formed by the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Pharmaceuticals) to look into the matters of implementation of Government commitment to provide quality medicines at affordable prices has finalized its recommendations. The various recommendations of the Committee pertaining to the pricing and quality aspects of medicines have been referred to the concerned Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations for taking necessary action.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Commerce & Industries has clarified that Indian pharmaceutical Industry has been importing Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and Intermediates from various countries, including China to meet the increasing demand. Details of imports of APIs and Intermediates by Indian Pharmaceutical industry for the last 3 years are given below:

Values in US\$ mn				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (up to Feb2012)	
Total imports from Global	2406	2998	3069	
Imports from China	1143	1881	1646	
%age of China imports out of total imports	60%	64%	54%	

(d): 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/ISO-14001/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. In regard of Drug and Pharmaceuticals 294 units have availed Rs.19.76 Crore subsidy since inception of the scheme.