

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total export of medicines from the country along with the percentage of generic medicines exported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the total revenue earned from the export of generic medicine is more than the revenue earned on the export of branded and patented medicines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether several countries have imposed a ban on the import of generic medicines from India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps being taken to boost the export of medicines and other pharmaceutical products from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) : Details of Export of pharmaceutical products in the last three years and current year are as follows:

(Value in US\$ millions)	
Year	Exports
2009-10	8976.07
2010-11	10725.18
2011-12	13267.85
2012-13	15500.00 (estimates)

Most of the pharmaceutical formulations exported from India are generic medicines.

(d) There is no ban on import of generic medicines from India by any country. However, some of the importing countries follow rigid policies/ procedures for import/ registration of pharmaceutical products in their countries which is applicable to all overseas countries uniformly.

(e) Financial assistance is provided under Market Development Assistance and Market Access Initiative Schemes to Export Promotion Councils & other Trade Bodies for participating in major International fairs, organizing business meets for promoting exports from the country. Besides this, incentives to Pharmaceutical industry are available in various trade promotion schemes under the Foreign Trade Policy. A special Brand India Pharma campaign has also been launched in focus markets with the objective of promoting India as a source of affordable, quality generics.