

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

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PROMOTING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES OF PSUS

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

- (a) whether the Government is not giving priority to increasing the production capacity of Government Pharma undertakings and their modernisation due to pressure from private pharmaceutical companies and as a result, the common man has to shell out more money to buy medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has modernised the pharmaceutical producing undertakings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, undertaking-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is promoting excellence and research and development in the pharmaceutical sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the other measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) The Government has been releasing funds for the revival and modernization of machinery and equipments of Pharma CPSEs. The details of fund released to Pharmaceuticals Companies during the last three years and current year are given as under:-

	Rs. in crore			
Name of PSU	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
BCPL	-	-	0.60	25.00
HAL	5.00	-	-	5.03
KAPL	-	-	-	-
RDPL	-	4.55	-	-
IDPL	1.22	5.00	4.61	4.45

(e)&(f): Yes Sir, the Government is facilitating and promoting excellence and R&D in pharmaceutical sector. Towards this end, the Government set up NIPER, Mohali. At present, there are seven NIPERs i.e. NIPER, Mohali, Kolkata, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Hajipur and Rae Bareilly under the aegis of Department of pharmaceuticals. These NIPERs have been set up to cater to the growing demand of the pharmaceutical industry for highly trained man power for continuous growth of the pharmaceuticals sector with increased focus on R&D.