

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

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PRODUCTION/ IMPORT OF BULK DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated production of bulk drugs by indigenous drug manufacturing companies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;
- (b) the quantum of bulk drugs imported and the name of countries from which these drugs were imported during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of bulk drugs in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive penicillin G and its derivative six aminopenicillin manufacturers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details of action/steps taken so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) and (b) Department of Pharmaceuticals does not maintain data regarding production of bulk drugs by indigenous drug manufacturing companies in the country and bulk drugs imported. However, as per the Boston Consulting Group report of 2013, the estimated production of bulk drugs by indigenous drug manufacturing companies in 2013 was US \$ 10.4 billion and import for the period was US \$ 3.5 billion which came primarily from China.

(c) to (e) In a meeting held in Prime Minister's Office on 08.10.2013, it was decided to set up a Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Health Research to study and identify the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) of critical importance and to workout a package of interventions/concessions required to build domestic production capabilities, and examine the cost implication. In addition to the Chairman, the Committee comprises of Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Secretary, Department of Health, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. The penicillin G and its derivative six aminopenicillin are used for manufacturing of widely used anti-biotics like Amoxicillin, ampicillin etc which are also part of National List of Essential Medicines- 2011. The report of the said Committee is awaited.