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Strengthening of CDSCO

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) is fully equipped and adequately staffed to carry out the works assigned to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to strengthen and revamp the functioning of CDSCO along with the financial modalities worked out for the purpose?

Answer

(a) to (c): India is one of the largest manufacturers of drugs and currently exports medicines to over 200 countries/economies. The measures initiated to strengthen CDSCO include:

- (i.) Increase in the number of sanctioned posts in CDSCO from 111 in April, 2008 to 474 in June, 2015;
- (ii.) Constitution of 25 panels of experts in various therapeutic areas for evaluation of various categories of applications for (a) clinical trials, (b) new drugs and (c) new medical devices;
- (iii.) Development of an IT-enabled system for online submission of Clinical Trial applications;
- (iv.) Development of e-Governance module for CDSCO through the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Noida; and
- (v.) Re-equipping the drug testing laboratories with State of the art equipment.