

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN CDSCO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) is short staffed and lack required infrastructure to carryout the works assigned to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the drug regulatory system and promote e-governance in CDSCO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): Yes.

(b): The Indian pharmaceutical industry has been growing at a fast pace with the annual growth of around 11-12%. The drug regulatory system of the country including the CDSCO could, however, not be strengthened adequately to deal with the increased work-load.

(c): The strength of CDSCO has been progressively increased since 2008 and the Government has further decided to strengthen the CDSCO and its associated laboratories during the 12th Five Year Plan period.