GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:263 ANSWERED ON:25.11.2014 FINANCIAL CRISIS IN RDPL Bhuria Shri Dileep Singh

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

- (a) whether a Public Sector Unit under Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. namely Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (RDPL) is facing financial crisis and the cheques issued by it are being bounced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the number of complaints received by the Government from some companies in this regard and the action taken on such complaints so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) & (b): Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (RDPL), a Central Pharma Public Sector Undertaking is not under Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., but is an independent company. Some postdated cheques issued by RDPL to various suppliers have bounced due to shortage of fund. The suppliers have lodged cases in courts against RDPL under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act. Three companies have filed cases in various courts which are pending. To address the problems of acute shortage of financial/working capital, RDPL has taken various measures for mobilizing the funds. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been requested by the Department of Pharmaceuticals to place orders for manufacturing of Anti Retro Viral Drugs to RDPL.
- (c) One complaint was received from a company in this Ministry wherein it was stated that a cheque issued by RDPL has bounced due to non-availability of funds. RDPL has been asked to submit a report.