

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:299  
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MANUFACTURING OF API  
Jaiswal Dr. Sanjay

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage manufacturing of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) required for production of the essential medicines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) 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 report of the said Committee is awaited.