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**Title:** Need to revive IDPL and bring it under administrative control of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

SHRI NADENDLA BHASKARA RAO (KHAMMAM): IDPL was established in 1961 to attain self-sufficiency in bulk drug manufacture which was monopolised by MNCs till then. Even WHO appreciated and observed that the IDPL had achieved in ten years what others could in 50 years. The Indian Medical Association commented that IDPL drugs were of international standard in quality.

IDPL was guided by social welfare motto and never had a commercial outlook. It came to the rescue of the nation by supplying medicines to combat various epidemics.

The Health Ministry orders are to the tune of Rs. 800 crore, of which at least Rs. 200 can be placed on IDPL which ensures quality.

The amount of Rs. 249 lakh which comprises payment of gratuity and leave encashment to retired employees has not been paid, which is a cause of anxiety for those who have spent the prime period of their lives in the service of IDPL.

The permanent solution for the revival of IDPL will be to bring it under the administrative control of Health Ministry as producer and consumer will be brought under one umbrella.