

Impact of MNCs taking over Indian pharma companies

957. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has commissioned a study by Ernst and Young (E&Y) to find out the impact of MNCs taking over Indian pharmaceutical companies;
- b) if so, what are the findings of E & Y;
- c) whether any consultations have been held with the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in this regard; and
- d) if so, the outcome of such consultations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) E&Y in their findings have concluded that multinationals are acquiring domestic businesses of Indian pharmaceutical companies to leverage sourcing opportunities in the pharma sector and to cater to the fast growing Indian market opportunity in view of increased spending on healthcare by a growing customer base with a capacity to pay.

(c) and (d) The report of E&Y has been shared with all the concerned departments of Government of India including Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion with a request to keep the recommendations and findings in view while formulating the policies in pharma sector.

Proposal pending for overall development of Kerala

958. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposals pending before Government for industrialization, trade promotion and setting up of new industries for overall development of Kerala; and
- (b) by when each of these proposals were received by the Ministry and by when these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) One proposal for grant for Industrial License