

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient

3267. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to revive country's Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) by formulating a separate policy which will promote the industry internationally apart from catering the domestic market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new policy will address the concerns of bulk drug manufacturing by way of incentives and creating infrastructure through bulk drug parks etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Health Research with Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Secretary, Department of Health, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion as members has been constituted to study and identify the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) of critical importance and to work out a package of interventions/concessions required to build domestic production capabilities, and examine the cost implication. The report of the said Committee is awaited.

Revival of fertilizer units through PPP mode

3268. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revive the naphtha based fertilizer units with gas based units in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government also proposes for PPP model to re-start the closed fertilizer units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to revive closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Hindustan