Share of India's pharma sector in Japan

3405. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India's pharmaceutical sector in Japan;

(b) whether it is far below;

(c) the reasons that our market in Japan is limited to only Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients; and

(d) how India is going to capitalize Japan's market in the light of Government of Japan's decision to attain 80 per cent share of generic medicines by 2018?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) India's exports of formulations are relatively less to Japan. According to Economic Outlook data services of Centre for Monitoring of Indian Economy Private Limited (CMIE), Indian exports of pharmaceuticals to Japan during 2015-16 was ₹ 941.55 crores.

(c) and (d) It is a highly regulated market and product registration also takes more time. Keeping in view Japan's policy, Government of India is promoting Indian Generics in Japan by organizing meetings with Associations, Regulators, Industry and also participating in CPhI, Japan. The Regulators from India are visiting Japan and putting all the efforts to promote Generics in Japan and also to promote the exports of Indian pharmaceuticals including formulations and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs).

Imported raw material for manufacturing of medicines

3406. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 65 per cent raw materials are being imported from China for manufacturing antibiotics and other important medicines in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to arrange a meeting with the owners of medicine manufacturers to discuss the matter;

(c) the action taken by Government to overcome the dependency on Chinese raw materials; and

(d) whether prices of medicines will be affected, if raw material is procured from countries other than China, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) The country is dependent on imports of bulk drugs/Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for producing certain essential medicines from China. As India is a signatory to the WTO and TRIPs agreement, the import restrictions have been removed and imports made on economic considerations have slowly resulted in the present dependence. On the basis of the details available with the Department, India's total imports of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and the imports from China during the last three years are as under:

(₹ crores)

Years	Total import	Imports from China
2013-14	18991.14	12061.53 (63.51%)
2014-15	19833.20	12757.96 (64.33%)
2015-16	21216.91	13853.20 (65.29%)

Source: CMIE economic outlook.

(b) The Government wherever required, discusses with all the stakeholders including manufacturers to see how best the difficulties being faced by them can be removed. This is an ongoing process.

(c) The Government has withdrawn exemption of customs duty on certain categories of Bulk Drugs/APIs to provide a level playing field to the domestic manufacturers. Further, the Government is clearing bottlenecks like environment clearance etc. which the manufacturers are facing, in order to give a boost to domestic manufacturing of bulk drugs.

(d) Most of the imports of the Bulk Drug/APIs being done in the country are because of economic consideration. Besides, the current policy of price-regulation permits margins to absorb market variations in prices of various raw materials.

Expenditure incurred on sick fertilizer units

3407. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise details of the Public Sector fertilizer units, since when they were making losses, when they were declared sick, when they stopped production, and when they were formally shut downed;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred to meet out their liabilities such as wages and others, after the above stages, year-wise; and