

Incentives for manufacture of medical devices domestically

4518. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of grants allocated by the Ministry for manufacturing medical devices domestically, along with the details thereof;
- (b) the public sector/private sector companies that have shown interest for this initiative so far, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of subsidies/incentives provided to the companies by the Government for manufacturing in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) No amount of grants has been allocated for manufacturing of medical devices domestically. However, Government has a proposal for a sub-scheme for Financial Assistance to Common Facility Centres (CFCs) in Medical Device Parks under the umbrella scheme for "Development of Pharmaceuticals Industry". No budget allocation has yet been made for the proposed scheme.

Action against hospitals for overcharging

†4519. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received the report of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per report, private hospitals overcharge the patients many times extra for medicines and diagnostics, by manipulating the manufacturing companies and getting excess rate and MRP printed on medicines;
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government against such hospitals; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Based on

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