

Import of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs)

1481. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian pharma industry has been dependent on China for imports of Active Pharma Ingredients (APIs) from China;
- (b) if so, the details and percentage of imported APIs used for production of life saving medicines and injectables; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that Indian pharma industry is not deprived of supply of essential ingredients for the production of critical medicines and injectables?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) Many raw materials are imported from China, for manufacturing of medicine. As per available data from the various Port Offices of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), the details of the percentage of raw materials imported from China are as under:-

Year	Percentage (in terms of value)
2017-18	68.62%
2018-19	66.53%
2019-20	72.40%

(c) With a view to attain self-reliance and reduce import dependence in APIs/ Bulk drugs, the department of pharmaceuticals has rolled out two schemes viz. (i) "Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/ Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) In India" and (ii) "Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks". The guidelines of both the schemes were released on 27th July, 2020. These guidelines are available on the website of the department.

National GIS-Enabled Land Bank System

1482. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the benefits of integrating State Geographic Information System (GIS) systems with the Industrial Information System;