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DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2024

Promotion of domestic manufacturing of medicines

824 Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is making efforts to promote domestic manufacturing of medicines such as bio-pharmaceuticals, complex generics, gene therapy drugs, complex excipients, orphan drugs etc., considering their scarce availability and prohibitive cost in the country; and
(b) if so, the details of the efforts made and outcomes achieved in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (b): The Department of Pharmaceuticals is implementing the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals with a total financial outlay of Rs. 15,000 crore and scheme tenure up to FY 2027-28. The scheme provides for financial incentive to 55 selected applicants for manufacturing of identified products under three categories for a period of six years. Product “Category- 1” contains generally high value pharmaceuticals products. The product categories approved under the scheme include as below:

- 1. Bio-pharmaceuticals
- 2. Complex generic drugs
- 3. Patented drugs or drugs going off patent during the scheme tenure
- 4. Orphan drugs
- 5. Complex excipients

Details/numbers of Category 1 products (sub-category wise) are as under:

Product Sub-Category	No. of eligible products approved for manufacturing under the scheme
Bio-Pharmaceuticals	68
Patented drugs or drugs going off patent during the scheme tenure	157
Complex Generic Drugs	158
Complex excipients	17
Orphan drugs	8
Total	408

The scheme provides for incentives on incremental sales to selected participants for a period of 6 years at the rate of 10% for FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26, 8% for FY 2026-27 and 6% for FY 2027-28.

Total sales of approved eligible Category- 1 products under the PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals is given below:

Financial Year	Sales (Rs. in crore)
FY 2022-23	17,931.18
FY 2023-24	23,228.40
FY 2024-25 (up to Sept 2024)	11,853.11
