

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4758
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REPORT OF MASHELKAR COMMITTEE
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have received the report of Mashelkar Committee on Pharmaceutical Research and Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the reaction of the Government on the recommendations made by the Committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c) : The Pharmaceutical Research & Development Committee (PRDC) was constituted in March, 1999 to recommend measures to strengthen the research & development capability of the pharmaceutical industry in India and to identify the support required by Indian Pharmaceutical companies to undertake domestic Research & Development. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government. To achieve these objectives, the Committee has recommended, inter alia, the establishment of a Drug Development Promotion Foundation, to promote such R&D. For this purpose, it has recommended setting up of a fund called the 'Pharmaceutical R&D Support Fund' to be administered by the Drug Development Promotion Foundation. It has also suggested several fiscal and non-fiscal measures. The Government is generally supportive of the approach suggested by the Committee.