

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1177  
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PHARMA TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Union Government are now looking to Cuba for technology upgradation in the pharma products;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) whether this is a sad reflection on the Indian R&D; and
  - (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

- (a): The Department of Science and Technology has bilateral agreements for Science and Technology with several countries including Cuba. However, they do not have any agreement on Pharma Technology Upgradation.
- (b), (c) and (d): In view of (a) above, do not arise.