

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:672
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003
SEPARATE EPC FOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a separate Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals is being formed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the location of the Headquarters of this EPC; and
- (c) the time by which it will start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) The Department of Commerce has accorded a provisional approval for setting up of a separate Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals (PHARMEXCIL) After consultation with the industry associations in the pharma sector, it has been decided to have the headquarters of the council at Mumbai with a regional office at Hyderabad. The proposed council is expected to start functioning with effect from 1st April 2004.