

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

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PATENTING OF DRUG PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the value of medicines exported during 2004-05 and 2005-06 so far;
- (b) whether the export of medicines has reduced due to adoption of product patent system of drugs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote foreign investments for research and development work in Pharma and Drug sector;
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) to c) The value of medicines exported during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 is as follows:

Year	Value in US\$ (Million)
2004-2005-	3968.40
2005-2006	- 4795.33

(provisional)

The above data indicates that the export of medicines has increased vis a vis, the previous year.

d) & e) The Govt. is promoting research and development and foreign investments in pharma and drug sector through various institutions.