

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

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

- (a) whether Indian medicines are in high demand in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total value of medicines exported during the last three years, medicine-wise, country-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to maintain the quality, efficacy and standard of the medicines being exported;
- (d) the percentage-wise details of the export of Ayurvedic, Unani and Homeopathic medicines and foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years;
- (e) whether there is ample scope of export in this sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote export of the medicines ?

Answer

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

a) : Yes, Sir

b & d): The details of export value of Indian medicines during the last three years are given below:-

Year	Amount (Rs.in crores)
2003-04	192.75
2004-05	387.92
2005-06	106.56

(till Sept.,06)

Large number of Indian medicines are being exported to countries like Ireland, USA, Russia, Nepal, UAE, Italy, Ukraine, Nigeria, etc. Percentage wise, export of Ayurvedic system of medicine is about 90% while for bio-chemic system it is about 5%. Homeopathic, Unani and Siddha systems constitute only 5% in total export of Indian medicines at present.

c):To maintain the quality, efficacy and standards of medicines, many initiatives have been started by the Department of AYUSH. A notification prescribing the limits for heavy metal contents in the medicines exported from India has been issued recently.

e) & f): Yes, Sir. Government, with a view to increase exports, has given benefits and supports to the exporters of drugs and pharmaceuticals by permitting import of raw materials required for the production and also granting benefits for exports under Foreign Trade Policy. Market Access Initiative and Marketing Developing Assistance schemes of Government are also available for promotion of exports of drugs and pharmaceutical items.