

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

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FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL UPGRADATION OF SSP UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create any funds for technical upgradation of Small Scale Pharma (SSP) units in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) A Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Fund (PTUF) for assisting the Small Scale and Medium Units relating to the pharmaceutical sector for setting up Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) facilities in their manufacturing plants as per amended Schedule 'M' of Drugs and Cosmetics (8th Amendment) Rules 2001 is proposed to be set up in the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. A draft scheme for implementation of this fund by offering reimbursement of five percent point of interest on the loan availed by Small Scale and Medium Units upto Rs.1.00 crore has therefore been prepared. The scheme would be made operational on time bound basis which would provide a focal point for modernization efforts through technology upgradation in the industry and ensure the suitable quality of the drugs. The draft scheme has been sent to various concerned Departments i.e., Planning Commission, Finance, etc., and based on the feedback from these Departments a final shape would be given to the Scheme.