

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF DRUG MANUFACTURING SECTOR  
Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any mega scheme for the development and expansion of chemical and drug manufacturing sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to declare certain areas like Baroda and its adjacent areas as chemical zone to make such plants located in Gujarat more effective and viable;
- (d) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this direction; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA).

- (a) Based on approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), Government of India notified the Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Region Policy (PCPIR) in April,2007.
- (b) The PCPIR is a specifically delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms (with minimum 40 % of the designated area earmarked for processing activities). This region is a combination of production projects, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and administrative services.  
  
PCPIRs would reap the benefits of co-sitting, networking and greater efficiency through use of common infrastructure and support services. They would have high class infrastructure and provide a competitive environment conducive for setting up businesses. They would thus result in a boost to manufacturing, augmentation of exports and generation of employment.
- (c) No.
- (d)&(e): Does not arise.