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Title: Need for fresh look at our Pharmaceutical and Drug Policy.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Recently Government has reviewed Bulk Drug and Pharmaceutical Policy, including import and its manufacture indigenously. We are totally dependent on China for most of drugs used in the pharmaceutical sector. India has imported bulk drugs and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) of over 38,000 crore from China in the last four years. Around 80 to 90% of most of these drugs are essential medicines and are imported from china only. Most of the APIs and bulk drugs imported are found to be substandard. This issue has to be settled at high level meetings of officers between the two countries. The alleged nexus of suppliers and buyers between two countries seems to be working in this trade. The Government should curb the monopolies of those importers and business houses in the Pharmaceutical field. Chinese Government is also supporting these business houses and restrict visas to the USFDA inspectors to delay inspections by USEDA and EDQM. I suggest that Indian Government should send Indian experts team to China for periodical inspection of the APIs and drugs supplies to India. Shri Ajit Doval, India's NSA has assessed India's near total dependence on China for APIs as a National Security Risk. In other words, China need not use military power to wage a war against India but to make our people so weak that they could not be able to resist China. China's planning is to suffocate India with reduced and sub-standard supplies of APIs. One sector that badly requires early implementation of our Prime Minister's dream project 'Make in India' is the Pharmaceutical Industry concerning the health of our countrymen.

**I appeal to the Government that there is a need to review the Pharmaceutical and Drug Policy and make ourselves self-reliant in this field of APIs as we have the bulk of natural resources in medicine field.**