

DR REDDYS LABORATORIES LTD

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## FORM 6-K

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November, 2003

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## DR. REDDY S LABORATORIES LIMITED

(Name of Registrant)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Sub: Appointment of Company Secretary

Dear Sir,

The Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on October 28, 2003 has appointed Mr. V Viswanath as Company Secretary.

Mr. V Viswanath would act as Compliance Officer of the Company relating to the activities of monitoring the share transfer process and report to the Company s Board in each meeting; directly liaison with the authorities such as SEBI, Stock Exchanges, Registrar of Companies, etc. and investors with respect to implementation of various clauses, rules, regulations and other directives of such authorities and investor service and complaints of related matter.

The contact details of Mr. V Viswanath are as under:

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Mr. Santosh Kumar Nair has moved to handle other assignments in the Company.

Kindly take the above information on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully  
For Dr. Reddy s Laboratories Ltd.

V S Vasudevan  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Dr. Reddy s receives final approval for AmVazTM (Amlodipine Maleate)**

Hyderabad, India, November 3, 2003:

**First Indian Pharmaceutical Company to receive FDA approval for a NDA  
under Sec 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act**

Dr. Reddy s Laboratories (NYSE:RDY) announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the Company s NDA for AmVazTM(Amlodipine Maleate). Commenting on the development, GV Prasad, CEO, Dr. Reddy s Laboratories, said, the final approval, the first for an Indian Pharmaceutical Company, marks a significant milestone for Dr. Reddy s, setting the stage for the launch of our first specialty branded product in the United States. We have not made a final decision on the launch date. But we are making all necessary preparations for the launch and are in the process of finalizing a co-promotion partner for AmVazTM(Amlodipine Maleate) in the United States.

The Company has active development programs on a number of differentiated compounds in major therapeutic categories and expects additional NDA filings during the current fiscal year.

The Company is also preparing to launch Amlodipine Maleate in Europe upon expiration of the Supplementary Protection Certificate in March 2004.

Dr. Reddy s US product pipeline currently comprises 27 ANDAs, 2 NDAs (including Amlodipine Maleate) and 44 DMFs. Of these ANDAs, 20 were submitted under Paragraph IV. During the current fiscal, the Company expects to file 15-18 ANDAs, 15 DMFs and additional NDAs.

**About Dr. Reddy s**

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pharmaceutical ingredients and biotechnology products and markets them globally, with focus on India, US, Europe and Russia. The Company conducts research in the areas of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular, inflammation and bacterial infection.

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**Dr. Reddy s Laboratories to present at American Heart Association Scientific Sessions**

Atlanta, US and Hyderabad, November 6, 2003:

An abstract describing preclinical research in Dr. Reddy s atherosclerosis therapeutics program has been selected for presentation on November 9, 2003 at the annual American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in Orlando, Florida.

Atherosclerosis is a disease in which blood-transporting arteries, which are clogged, cause major cardiovascular complications such as heart attacks and stroke. Current treatment strategies for atherosclerosis are indirect and partially effective.

The presentation by Dr. Reddy s will describe scientific findings on a new approach to treatment of atherosclerosis. Company scientists through drug discovery research have determined that regulating the expression of a specific protein called perlecan can provide direct protection against this disease. The company s presentation at this meeting will describe proof of concept experiments which show that controlling expression of perlecan is effective against atherosclerosis in preclinical models of disease.

The American Heart Association Scientific sessions are the premier meetings for presentation of new scientific information on cardiovascular disease and novel therapeutic approaches to cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Reddy s Laboratories conducts its drug discovery research activities in facilities at Hyderabad and Atlanta and has discovery programs in the areas of metabolic disorders, cardiovascular disease, oncology, anti-infectives and inflammation.

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**Dr. Reddy s South African subsidiary**

Hyderabad, India, November 7, 2003:

To offer a range of high quality pharmaceutical products to the South African medical fraternity Dr. Reddy s Laboratories Limited has launched a South African subsidiary Dr. Reddy s Laboratories (Proprietary) Limited, South Africa (Dr. Reddy s SA). The subsidiary has been started with Venturepharm (Proprietary) Limited a member of the J&J Group of companies. Dr. Reddy s holds 60% and Venturepharm holds 40%.

The company aims to use South Africa as the gateway towards penetrating and establishing a presence in SADEC regions and Sub-Saharan African territories, at the same time developing a significant presence in the South Africa market place.

Dr. Reddy s SA will act as the Applicant for local registration purposes and will be responsible for distribution, marketing, sales and business development of Dr Reddy s pipeline and other selected licensed products.

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**Dr. Reddy's Announces ANDA Filing for Rabeprazole Sodium**

Hyderabad, India, November 20, 2003:

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (NYSE:RDY) today announced that the Company had filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) with the United States Food and Drug Administration for Rabeprazole Sodium Delayed-Release tablets, 20 mg, with a Paragraph IV certification on the two Orange Book patents listed for the drug.

Dr. Reddy's notified Eisai, upon which the latter filed a lawsuit against the Company in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging patent infringement on the 552 patent.

Rabeprazole Sodium is the generic version of Eisai's Aciphex® and is indicated for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease and duodenal ulcers. The brand had annual sales in the United States of approximately \$ 1.2 billion (Source: IMS 2002).

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**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Dr. Reddy s Laboratories Limited**

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(Registrant)

Date: December 10, 2003

By: /s/ V. Viswanath

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(Signature)\*  
**V. Viswanath**  
**Company Secretary**

\*Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.