

DR REDDYS LABORATORIES LTD

Form 6-K

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FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 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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Yes No

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Not applicable.

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Dr. Reddy s announces ANDA filing for Sumatriptan Succinate oral tablets

Hyderabad, India, December 31, 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 Sumatriptan Succinate oral tablets, equivalent to 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg base, with a Paragraph IV certification on four of the five Orange Book patents listed for the drug.

Dr. Reddy s notified GlaxoSmithKline, 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 845 patent.

Sumatriptan Succinate is the generic version of GlaxoSmithKline s Imitrex® and is indicated for the treatment of migraine. The brand had annual sales in the United States of approximately \$ 773 million (Source: IMS 2002).

About Dr. Reddy s

Established in 1984, Dr. Reddy s Laboratories (NYSE: RDY) is an emerging global pharmaceutical company with proven basic research capabilities. The company is vertically integrated with a presence across the pharmaceutical value chain. It produces finished dosage forms, active 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.

This press release includes forward-looking statements, as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. Such factors include, but are not limited to, changes in local and global economic conditions, our ability to successfully implement our strategy, the market acceptance of and demand for our

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products, our growth and expansion, technological change and our exposure to market risks. By their nature, these expectations and projections are only estimates and could be materially different from actual results in the future.

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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

(Registrant)

Date: January 8, 2004

By: /s/ V. Viswanath

(Signature)*

V. Viswanath
Company Secretary

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