

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 August, 2003

Commission File Number 1-15182

DR. REDDY S LABORATORIES LIMITED

(Name of Registrant)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes No

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Not applicable.

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- (1) Press Release, Dr. Reddy s confirms that Eli Lilly dismissed Willful Infringement Claim in Olanzapine, August 21, 2003.
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Dr. Reddy s confirms that Eli Lilly dismissed Willful Infringement Claim in Olanzapine

Hyderabad, India, August 21, 2003:

Dr. Reddy s Laboratories (NYSE:RDY) confirmed today that in response to Dr. Reddy s motion for summary judgment on the willful infringement claim in the Olanzapine patent challenge, Eli Lilly and Company has agreed to dismiss with prejudice its claim of willful infringement. In addition, Dr. Reddy s has agreed to dismiss certain defenses or counterclaims related to the patent statute, 35 U.S.C. 112, including specific defenses related to enablement and indefiniteness.

The trial over the validity of Eli Lilly s compound patent is set to begin on January 26, 2004 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. In 2001, Dr. Reddy s filed an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for Olanzapine tablets 5, 10, 15 and 20 mg dosage strengths. Dr. Reddy s believes it has first to file status on the 20 mg dosage strength.

Olanzapine is the generic version of Eli Lilly s Zyprexa® and is indicated for the management of the manifestation of psychotic disorders. The brand has annual sales in the United States of approximately \$2.8 billion. (Source: IMS 2002)

About Dr Reddy s

Established in 1984, Dr. Reddy s Laboratories (NYSE: RDY) is an emerging global pharmaceutical company with proven 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

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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 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: September 4, 2003

/s/ Santosh Kumar
By: Nair

(Signature)*
Santosh Kumar Nair
Company Secretary

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