

Price fixation of multi vitamin formulations

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

(a) whether Government had issued an order fixing a mark up at 60 per cent on multivitamin formulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the prices of multi-vitamins have been reduced by the drug companies in compliance with the order ;

(d) whether any of the vitamin products, are in short supply, if so, the details in this regard ;

(e) whether Government propose to review the pricing policy for multi-vitamins in the light of developments that have taken place on this issue ; and

(f) if not, the reasons for not reviewing the above policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R.C. RATH) :

(a) and (b) Government have passed the Orders under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 w.e.f. 12th August, 1983 revising the prices of multi-vitamin formulations after allowing a mark-up of 60% on the ex-factory cost to the manufacturers.

(c) Yes, Sir. Several manufacturers of multi-vitamin formulations have already reduced the prices and sent to the Government amended price lists.

(d) No shortage of multi-vitamin formulations have been reported.

(e) and (f) The Government Orders revising the prices of multi-vitamin formu-

lations are in accordance with the procedures and policies and the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. As there is no separate Pricing Policy for multi-vitamins alone, the question of its review does not arise. Some drug companies have, however, sought review of the prices of their multi-vitamin formulations, and these are considered on merits.

Performance of Thermal and Hydel Sector during 1983-84

1299. SHRI K.A. RAJAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of both the thermal and hydel sectors has deteriorated during 1983-84 as compared to that of the last year ;

(b) if so, the details of the performance of the power projects, both thermal and hydel, month-wise during the year so far and how does it compare with that of the last year during the same period ; and

(c) the reasons for the poor performance ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) :

(a) and (c) The total energy generation in the country during April to October, 1983, was 79034 MU, as against 76480 MU during the corresponding period of last year. Monthwise details about thermal, nuclear and hydel generation during April to October in 1982 and 1983 are given in attached statement. Hydel generation depends on monsoon conditions prevailing in various parts of the country.