

Pricing of Multi-Vitamins

2716 SHRI BANWARI LAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of companies which have gone to Court on the question of multi-vitamin price ; and

(b) the court's decision in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) Six Drug manufacturer companies have gone to the Courts on the issue of multi-vitamin prices. In the case of three companies the Court have given judgement under which the companies concerned were required to place all the material facts before the Government within one month of the judgement and the Government have been given freedom to pass a fresh order after granting the hearing to the companies. In the case of remaining three companies, interim stays have been granted but judgements are yet to be delivered.

Higher Mark up for Multi Vitamin Products

2717. SHRI BANWARI LAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

Whether in view of the adverse decision of the Courts of Law, Government propose to reconsider the matter and allow higher mark-up on multi-vitamin products ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : The Courts have not given any decision on the question of mark-up on multi-vitamin formulations. There is no proposal to allow higher mark-up on the ex-factory cost of multi vitamin and other multiple ingredient formulations except in cases where higher mark-ups are justified on the basis of profitability of the manufacturers.

Demand to Reduction of Anti T.B. Anti Leprosy Drugs

2719. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reduced the prices of important anti-TB and anti-Leprosy drugs ;

(b) if so, the percentage of prices reduced ; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of other important drugs for other dreadful diseases such as Cancer, Brain tumour ; etc ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) The prices of important anti-TB and anti-Leprosy formulations based on Rifampicin have since been reduced w.e.f. 13th February, 1984. The following table gives the earlier prices and the revised prices along with percentage reduction of the various leader backs of Rifampicin formulations :-

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulation with strength | Pack size | Existing Price | Revised price | %age Decrease |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | Rifampicin Caps 150 mg/cap | 4's pack | 5.84 | 4.98 | 14.72 |
| 2. | —do— | 12's pack | 15.34 | 12.76 | 16.82 |
| 3. | —do— | 100's B | 121.14 | 99.68 | 17.71 |
| 4. | —do— 300 mg | 4's B | 10.00 | 8.28 | 18.98 |
| 5. | —do— | 100's B | 226.02 | 183.10 | 18.98 |
| 6. | —do— 450 mg | 3's pack | 10.10 | 8.16 | 19.20 |