

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2473
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HATHI COMMITTEE REPORT ON ESSENTIAL DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) : The year of formulation of National Essential Drugs List and the number of drugs it contains;
- (b) : The year of submission of Hathi Committee report on the essential drugs and the recommendations contained therein; and
- (c) : The stand of the Government on the essential drugs list at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The National Essential Drugs List was published in the year 1975 and it contains 279 drugs for various therapeutic categories. The Hathi Committee submitted its report to the Government in 1975. In respect of essential drugs, it drew up a list of medicines which in its opinion were extensively used in urban and rural areas and suggested measures to make these essential drugs available at reasonable price throughout the country. The said list is being utilized for procurement of drugs under Governmental Health Care Programme.