

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3423
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REVISION IN THE PRICE OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made upward revision in the price of certain essential drugs, during last three months ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the reasons for such steep increase in the price of essential drugs ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c) : During the last three months (from May,2002 to July, 2002) the NationalPharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)has fixed / revised the prices of 17 price controlled formulation packs in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order,1995. Prices have been increased in the case of 14 packs. The common reasons for rise in the prices of medicines, in general, are rise in prices of raw materials, transport / freight charges, change in foreign exchange rates, change in taxes and dutiesetc.,
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