

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF MEDICINES IN DPCO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medicines for dysentery and Anaemia have not been included in the list of Drug Price Control Order (DPCO);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): The bulk drugs namely Metronidazole Halogenated Hydroxyquinoline, Nalidixic Acid and Furazolidone used in the treatment of dysentery have been specified in the First Schedule of Drug Price Control Order`95.Therefore, the formulations based on these drugs also come under the Scheduled Category of Drug Price Control Order`95.Further, Norfloxacin and Ciprofloxacin have also been listed in the First Schedule. The combination formulations of these two drugs with Tinidazole, Metronidazole, Ornidazole are also used in treatment of dysentery/diarrhea.

74 bulk drugs listed in the first schedule for price control under Drug Price Control Order 1995 were identified by the Government as per the criteria stipulated in the `modifications in the Drug Policy 1986` announced in September, 1994 and the drugs used in the treatment of Anaemia have not come under the list of 74 drugs.

The Government had announced in February 2002 `Pharmaceutical Policy 2002` where-in new criteria for drawing up a fresh list of drugs for inclusion under price control are stipulated. The matter is subjudice and is before the Supreme Court of India.