

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

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LIFE SAVING DRUGS  
VISHNU DEO SAI

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

- (a): the names of medicines included in the list of life saving drugs;
- (b): the approved and administered price of bulk drugs and manufactured medicines at present;
- (c): the number of times the prices of these medicines have been increased during the last five years alongwith the percentage of increase made; and
- (d) the reasons for approving such unprecedented price hike?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS ( SHRI RAMESH BAIS )

(a) to (d): The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority fixes/ revises the price of scheduled drugs and formulations as per the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 which does not distinguish drugs as life saving drugs or others. Drugs have been identified for inclusion in the price control category on the basis of criteria mentioned in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986', announced in September, 1994. Presently, 74 bulk drugs and their formulations are under price control.