

(a) whether a study has shown that male elephants outnumber female;

(b) if so, whether the trend has innocuously extensive depreciation on human settlement; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government has taken or propose to take to identify problematic tuskers especially in the West Bengal or Orissa and take corrective measures?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) No, Sir. Research studies by scientists on the ecology of elephants indicate that in nature the female elephants outnumber male elephants. This has also been indicated in a recent study report titled "A God in Distress" by the Asian Elephant Conservation Centre and Wildlife Protection Society of India that in different parts of India the population of wild elephants has more female elephants than male elephants.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Chief Wildlife Wardens of the States have been authorised under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, to take corrective measures against wild animals, which may include identifying tuskers, if they become dangerous to the lives of human beings. The corrective measures include hunting of such elephants.

Prices of Captopril and its Formulations

1123. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the prices of bulk drug Captopril and its formulations based thereon recommended by the BICP and the date on which the bulk drug price, notified;

(b) the current prices and the prices recommended by the BICP of the leading packs of formulations of Captopril;

(c) whether the fixation of prices of formulations of Captopril has been delayed over a year;

(d) if so, the steps taken to fix responsibility in this regard; and

(e) whether the producers by managing with the Ministry have made crores of rupees from the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) On the recommendations of the BICP, the price of bulk drug Captopril was notified at Rs. 12,176/- per Kg. on 3rd April, 1996 and was subsequently revised to Rs. 11,971/- per Kg. on 13th June, 1997.

(b) The currently approved prices of formulations based on Captopril are given in the enclosed *Statement*.

(c) and (d) DPRC Sub Committee recommended prices for formulations based on Captopril in its 24th Meeting held on 5.10.1995. As there was no notified price, a decision was taken as in other similar cases, not to approve the prices. Subsequently on the basis of the notified prices, DPRC Sub Committee again recommended prices of formulations in its 42nd meeting and 54th meeting held on 16.5.1996 and 14.11.1996 respectively and after due approval the prices were issued.

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the formulations	Pack Size	Ceiling price fixed	Date
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Captopril 25 mg. Tablets	10's St.	8.14	3.9.1996
2.	Captopril 50 mg. Tablets	10's St.	15.32	3.9.1996
3.	Captopril 25 mg. Hydrochlorthizide 15 mg. Tablets	10's St.	8.54	3.9.1996
4.	Captopril 25 mg. Tablets	10's Al./St.	8.48	17.2.1997
5.	Captopril 25 mg. Tablets	10's Al./Bl.	8.18	17.2.1997