

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

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UNIFORM RETAIL PRICE FOR DRUGS

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce uniform retail price for drugs; and

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)& (b): A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser, Planning Commission was constituted to explore options other than price control to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices. The Task Force has submitted its report to the Government on the 20th September, 2005. The Task Force has recommended inter-alia, that MRP in the case of medicines should be inclusive of all taxes.

The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a view would be taken regarding the proposal to introduce uniform retail price for drugs.