

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1065
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS
Mehta Shri Alok Kumar

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

- (a) Whether a leading Association of Pharma Manufacturers IPA has given an undertaking not to increase prices till 31st March,2005;
- (b) Whether the other Association like IDMA and OPPI have refused to accede the instructions from the Ministry;
- (c) If so, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to get implemented the undertaking of IPA by other Associations?

Answer

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

- (a) : During a meeting with Minister (C&F&S) , representatives of the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA) voluntarily agreed that they would maintain the current price of medicines until 31st March, 2005.
- (b) : No instructions in this regard were issued by the Government.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b), as above.