

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

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PRICES OF GENERIC DRUGS

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

- (a) whether the prices of several generic drugs will come down substantially after implementation of new Pharma Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the specific drugs whose prices would come down?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy was considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 11.1.2007. The Cabinet has referred the Policy to Group of Ministers (GOM). The First meeting of the GOM was held on 10.4.2007 and the Second meeting was held on 12-9-2007. No time frame has been set for finalizing the National Pharmaceuticals Policy. Since no final decision has been taken on the draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy, 2006, it would not be possible, at present, to assess/ascertain the impact of price control on drugs.