

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

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DRUG PRODUCING SMALL SCALE UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of small scale units associated to major drug producers;
- (b) whether these associated units are enjoying facilities of small scale units; and
- (c) if so, the action taken against each unit?

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): It is understood that some associated units enjoy the facilities of small scale units. However, no specific data relating to the names of small scale units associated to major drug producers is maintained by this Department. Certain steps taken by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) viz, detection of cases of violation resulting in first time approval of prices, collection of samples of medicines from the market, improved coordination with State Drug Control Authorities, creating consumer awareness, enforcement of Maximum Retail Price inclusive of all taxes, better monitoring of prices of non Scheduled formulations etc, have resulted in improved enforcement and compliance of the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995.