

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

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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN THE MARKET
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had come out with the list of 886 medicines where the price have been reduced by eleven companies;
- (b) if so, whether more than 50% of the medicines are not available in the market and are obsolete; and
- (c) if so, the action being taken by the Government against these companies for mis- reporting the facts?

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): As a result of Government's efforts, Pharmaceutical industry had voluntarily agreed to reduce prices of 886 formulations. However, the availability of these formulations at reduced prices varies from State to State.