

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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VARIATION IN SELLING PRICE OF MEDICAL DEVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medical devices such as stents, catheters, heart-valves and orthopaedic implants are being sold in the country with wide variation in their prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring these most essential devices within the scope of the price negotiations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) : As per the information provided by Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in February 2007, the Government has constituted a committee on price negotiations of patented drugs to examine and propose a system of reference pricing/price negotiations/differential prices which may be applied for price negotiations of patented drugs and medical devices before their marketing approval in India. This Committee has not submitted its recommendations to the Government.