

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
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SURVEY OF BULK DRUG PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has recently done the survey of Bulk Drug Prices in the market;
- (b) if so, whether the Bulk Drugs have been sold at prices which are 20% to 75% lower than the Notified prices;
- (c) if so, the details, the name of the medicines, the Notified prices and the market prices;
- (d) the action being taken by the Government to reduce the prices of the Bulk Drugs so that the prices of formulations are also reduced by the NPPA;
- (e) whether the NPPA has come across with the invoices of lower prices submitted by formulations manufacturers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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(a) to (e): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has not conducted any specific survey of bulk drug prices in the market. However, NPPA monitors the trend of bulk drug prices on the basis of "Chemical Weekly" (a weekly magazine).

In those cases where manufacturers do not furnish requisite data to fix/revise the price and the price of any bulk drug is found to be lower than the notified price as per "Chemical Weekly", NPPA invokes para 11 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 to reduce the prices.

NPPA has come across two instances where the formulators of Analgin and Chloroquine Phosphate have claimed lower prices than the notified price in their form-III applications.