

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

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SHORTAGE OF VITAMIN C TABLETS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of Vitamin `C` tablets and the stocks of popular Vitamin `C` tablets Celin, Suckcee, Chewcee and Limcee are fast depleting in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRIB.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The reasons for shortage of Vitamin `C` tablets was increase in the price of intermediate which is mainly imported. NPPA has recently increased the price of bulk drug Vitamin `C` and formulation thereof keeping in view the actual cost of the major imported intermediate as well as the exchange rate of rupee versus US Dollar and other input costs.