

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

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INCREASE IN PRICE OF INSULIN

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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has recently given permission to increase the price of insulin by 10%;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether most of the experts and organizations have opposed this price rise of insulin; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has not given permission to increase the price of Insulin recently by 10 per cent. NPPA has revised the prices of imported Insulin formulation recently on 21-01-2010 based on applications received from different importers. The price change ranged from (-) 2.37% to 0 per cent, except in one case where the price was increased by 8.91% due to increase in exchange rate. In addition, the price of indigenous Insulin formulation manufactured by M/s Torrent was increased by 6.6% from Rs.152.50 (without taxes), to Rs 162.54 (without taxes) per 10ml vial based on Form III application filed by the company. The price earlier fixed in May, 2006 was Rs. 152.50.

(c) & (d): NPPA has not received any specific representation in this regard.