

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

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MECHANISM FOR PRICE NEGOTIATIONS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is having any mechanism for holding price negotiations with the patent holders of drugs and medical devices;
- (b) if so, the names of drug companies having patent rights both in public and private as on date; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the locally availability of drugs at affordable cost?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): A Committee has been constituted in this Department to examine the issue of Price Negotiations for the Patented Drugs. The committee is yet to submit its report to the Government.
- (c) : The Pharmaceutical Policy as amended from time to time also envisages making available quality medicines to the masses at a reasonable price. At present this is being done through the provisions of DPCO, 1995.