

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

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COST OF GENERIC AND BRANDED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any cost difference between the Generic and Branded drugs being sold by the Jan Aushadhi outlets in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following table containing a sample comparison of some of the prices between Generic and Branded medicines will establish such a cost difference:

Name of salt	Dosage	Pack	Average	Price of Difference
Market	Generic			
Price of Medicines				
Branded in Jan				
medicines Aushadhi				
(Rs.)	(Rs.)			

Antibiotic: 250 mg 10 55.00 11.10 5 times higher
Ciprofloxacin

Pain Killer: 100mg 10 36.70 3.50 10 times higher
Diclofenac

Common Cold: 10 mg 10 20.00 2.75 7 times higher
Cetirizine

Fever: 500 mg 10 10.00 2.45 4 times higher
Paracetamol

Pain & Fever 100mg 10 25.00 2.70 9 times higher
Nimesulide

Cough Syrup 110 ml bottle 33.00 13.30 2.5 times higher

The prices of branded medicines are generally higher than generic medicines due to various reasons inter-alia including branded drugs having patent protection and there being a limited number of drugs under price control under the Drug (Price Control) Order, 1995 etc.