

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1441
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FIXATION OF LIMIT OF TRADE MARGIN
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

(a) whether the Government has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of a Joint Secretary to fix the limit of trade margin for pharmaceutical companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the committee is likely to present its final report?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): The issue of trade margins has been the subject matter of intense debate from time to time and different views have been expressed on this issue. Government appointed a Committee headed by Joint Secretary(Pharmaceutical Industry) in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals(now Department of Pharmaceuticals) to examine this issue along with other issues relating to drug prices. The proposal forms a part of the National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006 which is at present under consideration of the Government.