

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5033

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SUPPLY OF INSULIN

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

- (a) whether the supply of insulin is being disrupted owing to the constant increase in the number of diabetic patients in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up a new plant in the public sector with a view to increase the supply of insulin;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken a decision to include insulin in the list of life saving drugs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) As per information available from Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation and National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority there is no information in respect of disruption of insulin supply owing to the constant increase in the number of diabetic patients in the country.

(d) & (e) Insulin is a scheduled drug listed in Schedule I of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995 for price control. Some of the insulin preparations are also included in the list of life saving drugs for the purpose of exemption of customs duty. Insulin preparations (Porcine Insulin Zinc Suspension and Porcine and Bovine Insulin) are classified as life saving drugs in Custom Notification [List-4( Sl. No. 83 and 85), General Exemption - No. 122] and attract nil custom duty.