

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3935  
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INCREASE IN PRICES OF DRUGS  
Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the new patent law is going to increase the prices of drugs manifold;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a): The Patents Act, 1970 was amended last time in 2005 with a view to make its provisions fully compliant with the Agreement on Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). There is no proposal for any further amendment to the said Act.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise.