

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

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DRAFT NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2011 has elicited criticism from the pharmaceutical industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Pharmaceuticals had prepared a draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) based on the criteria of essentiality and requirements as stipulated by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) has been circulated among the concerned Ministries/Stakeholders. The draft Policy was also available for comments of any other interested person on the Department's website www.pharmaceutical5.gov.in by 30,11.2011. The views from all the concerned stakeholders which have been received are being examined for being submitted to the Group of Ministers.