

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

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

- (a) whether the cost of patented drugs in the country is fixed not based on the cost of developing and producing in the country, but as per the price in the developed markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indians pay more for patented drugs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether the drug industry in India is demanding for fixing the price of local costs;and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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 (d) : The data regarding cost and pricing of patented drugs is not centrally maintained. However, the prices of patented medicines are generally higher as compared to generic medicines and, hence, the treatment of ailments/diseases by use of generic medicines will cost lesser as compared to treatment by use of patented medicines wherever possible.

(e) : No Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.