

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

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

- (a) the turn over of the drugs conning under the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) and the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) respectively;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recommended that more drugs be brought under the purview of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government plans to bring all the drugs in the NLEM under the purview of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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); The turnover of drugs as under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011 is over Rs. 10,1591 crores based on the prices to retailer. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is an attached office under Department of Pharmaceuticals. It fixes/revises price of 74 drugs appearing in Schedule-I of DPCO, 1995 and their resultant formulations. The prices of non-scheduled drug are monitored by them.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is of the view that all the medicines included in the NLEM, 2011 should be brought within the ambit of price control under the DPCO.

(d) & (e): 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 through National List of Essential Medicines - 2011. The draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) was 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.pharmaceuticals.gov.in till 30.11.2011. The views/inputs received on the draft NPPP-2011 are being examined.