

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:86  
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NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY  
Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

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

- (a) whether a new national pharmaceutical policy to regulate the prices of vital medicines has been finalised; and
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to come into effect?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) A draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy,2006 was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11.1.2007. It was decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). The GOM had held four meetings but did not make recommendations to the Cabinet.