

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2625  
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PRICE OF BETAMETHASONE  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the price of a bulk drug `betamethasone` was reduced by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the formulators utilizing this drug in their scheduled formulations has reduced the prices of their drugs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the action taken by the NPPA in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The price of different forms of the scheduled bulk drug Betamethasone was reduced on 12-06-2009 by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) based on the cost price study of the bulk drug. The details of the earlier price and the revised price is enclosed at Annexure-1.

(c) to (e) The prices of derivative formulations of Betamethasone are being worked out in accordance with the provision of Drug (Prices Control) Order, 1995 for notification so as to pass on the benefit of the reduced price of bulk drug Betamethasone to consumers.