

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

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PRINTING THE NAMES OF MEDICINES IN HINDI ENGLISH  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to make it mandatory to print the names of medicines in Hindi alongwith English and also their price;
- (b) if soT the details thereof;
- (c) whether it would also be made mandatory for the drug manufacturing companies to print maximum retail price alongwith the name; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Based on the decision taken in the meeting of Pharmaceutical Advisory Forum held on 11-02-2006, this Department had requested various Pharmaceutical Industry Associations to print the name, price, date of manufacturing and expiry on medicinal labels in Hindi also. No formal notification/order has been issued in this regard.

(c) & (d) in terms of this Department's Order S.O. 946 (E) dated the 26-06-2006, the drug manufacturing companies are required to print Maximum Retail Price (MRP), inclusive of all taxes on packs of medicine manufactured on or after 02-10-2006. However, for imported formulations, MRP inclusive of all taxes was made applicable w.e.f. 01-03-2007.