

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

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REVISION IN PRICES OF INSULIN
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) revised the prices of insulin vials and pens during the month of March by 5-18 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that NPPA has increased their prices, by 3-10 per cent recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide relief to the diabetic patients who bear the burden of the price hike?

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): During the month of March 2012, NPPA has revised the prices of the medicines containing Insulin for M/s Wockhardt. The price increase was in the range of 1.44% to 2,66%. The prices were revised as per the provisions contained in Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995).
- (b): Recently, NPPA has not revised the price of medicine containing Insulin.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The price of insulin containing medicines are controlled under DPCO, 1995 and their prices are fixed/revised as per the formula given in para 7 of DPCO, 1995. No one can sell any scheduled drug/formulations at a price higher than that fixed by NPPA. The NPPA is allowing the margin upto 35% to contain the prices of imported insulin medicines where domestic substitute are available in the market.