

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

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REDUCTION IN PRICES OF LIFE SAVING MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the prices of life saving medicines for cancer i.e. Arlopic, Dosetax and Capguard;
- (b) if so, whether the Government also proposes to reduce the prices of other life saving medicines;
- (c) if so, the names of those medicines and the time by which they are likely to be covered; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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 SR1KANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d): Life Saving Medicines are not defined in Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995. Cancer medicines are non-scheduled drugs. In respect of drugs not covered under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 i.e. non-scheduled drugs, manufacturers fix the prices by themselves without seeking the approval of Government / National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority. Also as per IMS Health data available with NPPA, the details of Arlopic, Dosetax and Capguard life saving drugs for cancer are not reported. Under the present framework of price fixation there are no controls on the launch price of non scheduled medicines. However, in the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy (NPPP-2012), the prices of National List of Essential Medicines-2011 are to be controlled and regulated.