

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3051
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PRICE OF INSULIN
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of insulin is controlled by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details including the prices of drugs that contain insulin;
- (c) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has submitted any proposal for the price hike of insulin;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the availability of insulin at a reasonable rate?

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): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The details of the prices of formulations containing Insulin during period April, 2012 to July, 2012 is enclosed as per Annexure.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e) NPPA is also entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the availability of drugs and to identify shortage, if any, and to take remedial steps to make the drugs available. NPPA is carrying out this responsibility mainly through monthly field reports from the State Drugs Controller and other available information. As and when the reports for shortage of particular drug(s), in any part of the country are received, the concerned company is asked to rush the stock and to make the drugs available. Generally shortage reported is brand specific. However, in most of the cases alternative brands are available.