

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4325  
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PRICES OF LIFE SAVING MEDICINES  
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the reduction in taxes, tariffs, effected in connection with the lifesaving medicines during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the policy of the Government in this regard and the steps taken/being taken thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a) and (b): The details of the reduction in customs and excise duties on lifesaving drugs during the period 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 are listed in the Annexure. These concessions were granted by the Central Government in public interest based on the recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.