

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

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

- (a) whether the prices of certain medicines/life saving drugs have been raised exorbitantly during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage increase in the price of every medicine;
- (d) the reasons for the repeated increases in the prices of medicines/drugs; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the research and development to look out for the possibility of manufacturing medicines at low cost?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a) to (d) As per IMS Health data available with the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), the prices of medicines have remained stable during the last three years. The Details are given in Annexure-I.
- (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.