

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

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PRICE CONTROL OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of life saving drugs falling under the provision of price control;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring more life saving drugs under the above provision;
- (c) if so, the details of such drugs being brought under the above provision; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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): Under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) the prices of 74 bulk drugs as listed in its First Schedule and the formulations containing any of these scheduled drugs are controlled. There is no classification as 'Life saving drugs' in the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995.

(b)to (d): The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2012 (NPPP-2012) notified on 7th December, 2012 has the provision of bringing the medicines under National List of Essential Medicines-2011 (NLEM-2011) having 614 formulations, under 27 therapeutic categories under price control.