

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

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PRICE OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of some 652 formulations including widely used medicines are slated to come down by up to 50 per cent by July, 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pharmaceutical companies had reduced prices of Tykerb by about a third in India as part of programme designed to make important drugs more affordable; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b) : All the existing manufactures of scheduled formulations, selling the branded or generic or both the versions of scheduled formulations at a price higher than the ceiling price (plus local taxes as applicable) so fixed and notified by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013), shall revise the prices of all such formulations downward not exceeding the ceiling price (plus local taxes as applicable). All the existing manufactures of scheduled formulations, selling the branded or generic or both the versions of scheduled formulations at a price lower than the ceiling price (plus local taxes as applicable) so fixed and notified by the Government shall maintain their existing maximum retail price. NPPA has so far notified the ceiling prices for 300 formulations as per the provision of DPCO, 2013.

(c) & (d) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.