

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

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REGULATING PRICES OF DRUGS

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

- (a) the mechanism to review and regulate the prices of drugs in the country;
- (b) whether the Government had made any assessment/study regarding drastic rise in the prices of drugs in the country;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to provide essential/life saving drugs at reasonable prices to the common man;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to bring all essential medicines sold in the country under price control; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

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 (e): Government has notified the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) on 15th May 2013 in supersession of DPCO, 1995. The mechanism for price fixation viz., market based pricing has been provided for in the said order. All the medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines 2011 have been included in the first schedule of DPCO, 2013 and brought under price control.