

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

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

- (a) whether as a result of the implementation of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy (NPPP), 2012 the prices of essential and combination medicines/drugs have come down;
- (b) if so, the details of the medicines and the extent to which the prices have been reduced;
- (c) the details and category of the medicines/drugs covered under the said Policy whose prices have not reduced; and
- (d) the other methods adopted by the Government to control the prices of essential medicines/drugs?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The reduction in the prices of scheduled formulations notified by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) as compared to the highest price prevailed prior to the announcement of DPCO, 2013 are as follows:

% reduction with respect to Maximum Price
No. of drugs

0<= 5% 20

5<=10% 31

10<=15% 43

15<=20% 36

20<=25% 56

25<=30% 38

30<=35%	26
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35<=40%	31
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Above 40%	106
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Total	387
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(c) & (d) In cases of some formulations the ceiling prices could not be fixed as yet as either the requisite data/ information was not available or prices were already controlled/fixed under DPCO, 1995. Apart from following the price control order route, the Government has also launched "Jan Aushadhi Scheme" to make quality drugs available at affordable prices.