

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

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PRICE CONTROL FOR DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down for bringing drugs under price control and fixation of their price;
- (b) whether the fixation of price of any drugs at maximum retail price is likely to increase the prices of the drugs;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the names of medicines under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013 and the difference between the selling price of these medicines before and after the DPCO, 2013 has come into effect;
- (e) whether the above decision has not been implemented till now; and
- (f) if so, the reasons for the delay and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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): The criteria for bringing drugs under price control is the 'Essentiality' of the drug as laid down in the "National List of Essential Medicines - 2011" declared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (b): As per the provisions of Drugs Prices Control Order (DPCO), 2013 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.
- (c): In view of (b) above, does not arise.
- (d): The names of the medicines under DPCO'2013, the prices of such medicines having market share $\geq 1\%$ and the ceiling price notified is available on the website of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) i.e. www.nppaindia.nic.in.
- (e) and (f): The DPCO'2013 was notified on 15.05.2013 and NPPA has already notified the ceiling prices in respect of 404 medicines upto January, 2014.