

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

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DISPUTE IN TRADE MARGIN
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pharma companies have sought the help of the Government to resolve the disputes over the trade margin of medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, so far?

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 (b): There were reports in news papers about dispute between traders and manufacturers on trade margin of scheduled medicines. The Department called a meeting of the representatives of association of traders and manufacturers and directed them to sort out the issue. However, a communication has been received from one of the Industry Associations requesting the Government to intervene to resolve the issue amicably. The issue is being examined in line with the provisions under National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy 2012 and Drugs Prices Control Order 2013.