

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3288  
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PRICES OF GENERIC DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of generic drugs have increased after the Supreme Court directions to offer 27 per cent discount on sale of these drugs to CGHS and other Government agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fix reasonable prices for generic drugs?

**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): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c): The Government has recently notified Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013(DPCO, 2013). All medicines specified in National List of essential Medicines 2011 (NLEM-2011) have been include in Schedule-I of the DPCO, 2013 and brought under price control. Para 4 of the DPCO, 2013 provides for fixing ceiling prices scheduled drugs, including those of generic drugs.