

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

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PRICE CONTROL OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether out of the medicines sold in the country, only 20 to 30 per cent are covered under price control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the domestic market prices of medicines covered under price control constitutes a very less portion of the market price of the total medicines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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 (d): All the medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines 2011 (NLEM) have been included in the first schedule of DPCO, 2013 and brought under price control. There are 614 formulations specified in the first schedule of DPCO,2013 covering 27 therapeutic groups including medicines used in the treatment of Cancer, Tuberculosis, Diabetes, Cardiac disease, vaccines etc. Significant reduction in prices have been effected on the medicines notified under DPCO, 2013 as compared to the highest price prevailed prior to the announcement of DPCO, 2013. The details of price reduction are as follows:

% reduction with respect to Highest Price to Retailer	No. of drugs
0<= 5%	20
5<=10%	31
10<=15%	46
15<=20%	37
20<=25%	57
25<=30%	41
30<=35%	27
35<=40%	33
Above 40%	112
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