

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

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PRICES OF PATENTED AND GENERICMEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total annual turnover of patented medicines and generic medicines in the country at present;
- (b) whether the price of patented medicines are higher than the price of generic medicines;
- (c) if so, the average difference in the prices of the medicines of both the said categories;
- (d) whether promotion of use of generic drugs is likely to make medical treatment cheaper; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

**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) The total sales turnover of Indian Pharmaceuticals products, which are largely generics, in the year 2012-13 was Rs. 1,19,421 Crore.
- (b) The patented medicines have no generic versions.
- (c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.
- (d) Indian Pharmaceutical market is mostly of generic medicines.
- (e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.