

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

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

- (a) whether the Drug (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013 meant to control the price of medicines does not cover over 80 per cent of the total medicines;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether many drugs including patented drugs and medical devices crucial for India's disease profile has been left out of DPCO, 2013;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government propose to bring the remaining necessary medicines including patented drugs and medical devices under DPCO, 2013; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government 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) & (b) The total Indian Pharma Market, as per IMS data as on March, 2011, was Rs.48,239 crores (on price to retailer basis) and the market share of medicines as under National List of Essential Medicines-2011 (NLEM) for which the data was available with IMS, was Rs.10,159 crores.

(c) to (f) Consequent to the notification of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy (NPPP)-2012 on 7/12/2012 Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) has been notified in May, 2013 where under medicines of dosages and strength as specified under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2011 have been brought under price control. The NLEM-2011 contains the medicines that satisfy the priority healthcare needs of majority of the population of the country. The revision of NLEM for the purpose of price control is a dynamic process and any drug can be added in NLEM in public interest under Drug Price Control Order on the recommendation of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.