

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

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PROMOTION OF CRITICAL CARE DRUGS
Pal Shri Jagdambika

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote manufacturing the critical care drugs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide any incentives/exemptions to encourage their production and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is taking steps to ensure that such drugs are made available at affordable prices to the common man; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. In a meeting held in Prime Minister's Office on 08.10.2013, it was decided to set up a Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Health Research to study and identify the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) of critical importance and to workout a package of interventions/concessions required to build domestic production capabilities, and examine the cost implication. In addition to the Chairman, the Committee comprises of Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Secretary, Department of Health, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. The report of the said Committee is awaited.

(d) and (e): Pursuant to the announcement of NPPP, 2012, the Government has notified Drug (Price Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) on 15.05.2013 in supersession of DPCO, 1995. All the medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2011 have been included in the first schedule of DPCO, 2013 and brought under price control. Monitoring of shortage and availability of drugs is carried out by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) as an on-going process for ensuring smooth supply of the drugs in the country.