

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

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ACCESSIBILITY OF DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study throughout the country regarding easy availability of essential/life saving drugs to the common man;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a fact that since introduction of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 access of medicines in small towns of the country declined; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) to (d): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) regularly monitors availability of drugs on the basis of monthly reports received from State Drugs Control Administration and also complaints, if any, received from NGOs, individuals etc. On receipt of reports on shortage of drug, NPPA immediately takes up the matter with the concerned manufacturer and advise them to rush the stock in the affected area. However, NPPA has not conducted any survey/study in the country regarding easy availability of essential / life saving drugs to the common man. NPPA has not received any report that access of medicines in small towns of the country has declined since introduction of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.