

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Prices of Insulin

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

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has issued any order with regard to the maximum ceiling prices of Insulin recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Department of Pharmaceuticals has given two months' time to the NPPA to amend its said order and allowed the multinational companies to increase the prices of imported injections of insulin;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the present status and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to keep a check on the prices of insulin medicines?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has recently fixed ceiling price of Insulin Injections vide S.O. No. 834(E) dated 25.03.2015 under DPCO, 2013.

The details of ceiling prices so fixed are given below:-

<>Sr. No. Name of formulation Strength Unit Ceiling price (Rs.)

1. Insulin Injection (Soluble) 40 IU/ml 1ml 14.13
2. Intermediate Acting (Lente / NPH Insulin) Injection 40 IU/ml 1ml 14.13
3. Premix Insulin 30:70 Injection 40 IU/ml 1ml 14.13

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The ceiling price under DPCO 2013 are applicable to scheduled imported formulations also.

(c) to (e): While exercising its review powers under the provisions of DPCOs, Government issues orders for rectifying the anomalies noticed while fixing prices by NPPA under DPCOs. However, no such order has been issued by Department of Pharmaceuticals in respect of the ceiling prices of Insulin Injection recently fixed as above under DPCO, 2013.
