

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Online System for New Drugs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government / National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) proposes to introduce online system in Pharma Sector for seeking price approvals/ launching new drugs in the market;
- (b) if so, the salient features and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the online system would be able to regulate drug manufacturing industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which online system is likely to be beneficial to the consumers as well as Pharma industry?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):An Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System (IPDMS) named as Pharma Data Bank has been launched on 25.06.2015 with a view to provide a platform to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturer/ Marketing/ Importer/ Distributor Companies to file online, mandatory returns in Form II, Form III and Form V prescribed in DPCO, 2013. The database also provides facility for submitting Form-I application for price approval of 'new drug' under DPCO, 2013. On-line submission of application under Form IV for discontinuation of scheduled formulations under DPCO, 2013 will also be made shortly.

The above said portal was developed in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC). The responsibility of management and operation of the pharma data bank is carried out by the NPPA with the support of NIC.

All manufacturers / importers / distributors would be able to submit on-line information, through IPDMS to the NPPA as provided under the relevant provisions of the DPCO, 2013. The IPDMS would also facilitate monitoring of prices and availability of both scheduled and non-scheduled formulations and other provisions of DPCO, 2013.
