

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

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Regulation of Medical Devices

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to control/reduce the prices of medical devices such as stents, catheters and implants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and adverse impact on foreign investment in the sector as a result thereof;
- (c) whether this move of the Government is being opposed by some Departments/quarters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): As per the existing Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, prices of medicines appearing in National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011 are fixed. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted an expert core committee to review and recommend the revision of NLEM-2011 in the context of contemporary knowledge of use of therapeutic products.

(b): In view of reply to (a) above, does not arise.

(c) and (d): There have been representations from certain quarters for not controlling the prices of medical devices. This shall be taken into consideration while taking a final decision on controlling the prices of medical devices.

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