

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

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

- (a) whether certain foreign companies have launched a scheme to fix the prices of medicines on the basis of purchasing capacity of the consumers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and
- (c) the number of categories in which the prices of medicines have been divided by foreign and indigenous companies?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) monitors the prices of Scheduled/ non-scheduled formulations as per the provisions for Drugs (Prices control) Order, 2013. NPPA has no information with regard to any scheme launched by certain companies to fix the prices of medicines on the basis of purchasing capacity of the consumers.