

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 530

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December, 2017

New Drugs Policy

530. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a New Drugs Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new policy; and

(c) the manner in which it would be beneficial to consumers, especially the common man?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS;
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has come up with the first draft of a new National Pharmaceutical Policy which includes the following objectives:

- Making essential drugs accessible at affordable prices to the common masses;
- Providing a longer term stable policy environment for the Pharmaceutical sector;
- Making India sufficiently self-reliant in end to end indigenous drug manufacturing;
- Ensuring world class quality of drugs for domestic consumption & exports;
- Creating an environment for R&D to produce innovator drugs;
- Ensuring growth and development of the Indian Pharma Industry.

(c): This Policy would help the common man in getting quality medicines at reasonable prices.

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