

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th July, 2019

Selling of Medicines at Higher Price

3676. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any information regarding the pharma companies which are selling medicines at higher than the price capped by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);
- (b) if so, the detailed list thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any action has been taken/notices been issued, so far, by NPPA to such companies; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a): Yes Sir. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) monitors the prices of medicines on a regular basis to check overcharging by pharmaceutical companies. Whenever any company is found to be overcharging consumers for a medicine above the ceiling price notified by the NPPA, the NPPA issues a notice to such company to deposit the overcharged amount along with applicable interest under section 7A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(b): The NPPA does not maintain state-wise record of overcharging by pharmaceutical companies. However, the detailed list of overcharging cases where demand notices have been issued is available on the NPPA's website www.nppaindia.nic.in.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Since inception of the NPPA till June 2019, 2038 demand notices have been issued to pharmaceutical companies for overcharging consumers for medicines at prices above the ceiling price notified by the NPPA. The demand notices have been issued for a total amount of Rs. 6370.20 crore. An amount of Rs. 893.34 crore has been recovered from the pharmaceutical companies. An amount of Rs. 4032.55 crore is under litigation in various courts. The detailed list of overcharging cases where demand notices have been issued is available on the NPPA's website www.nppaindia.nic.in.
