

(d) what is the present price of bulk drug and on what price present formulation prices are fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given price increases on *suo motu* basis; if so, the names of drugs and the extent of price increase allowed to each under DPCO, 1987; and

(f) what are the names of drugs where *suo motu* price reduction was given and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) No, Sir. Of the seven price fixation/revision notifications of bulk drugs issued in March, 1994, the price revision notification issued on 18-3-1994 involved reduction of the price of the bulk drug Iodochloro hydroxyquinoline from Rs. 397 to Rs. 389 per Kg. The notification has not been withdrawn.

Formulations of Ranitidine

3881. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3036 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major formulators of Ranitidine have robbed the consumer to the extent of Rupees hundred crores;

(b) when the prices of formulation were fixed and at what price of bulk drug and what were the earlier prices and present prices of each strength and each pack of formulation; and

(c) what are the names of producers of bulk drugs and production of each since 1987 per year, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No instance of violation of provisions of DPCO, 1987 has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The prices of following ceiling packs of formulations based on the bulk drug Ranitidine were fixed on 20-6-1988 on the basis of weighted average import price of Rs. 4,396 kg.

Rs./Ps.

1. Ranitidine HCL Tabs (10's Strips) 150mg.	17.44
2. Ranitidine HCL Tabs (10's Strips) 300mg.	33.84

The bulk drug price of Ranitidine has since been notified at Rs. 1,835 Kg. on 16-3-1994 and the revision of formulation prices accordingly are being processed.

(c) To the extent available, the information regarding the details of production of Ranitidine bulk by major producers since 1987 is annexed.

Statement

Production (tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the Producer	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	M/s. Glaxo	Nil	17.63	18.01	25.56	19.55	33.10
2.	M/s. Globe Organics	Nil	8.22	30.92	87.78	110.44	123.75
3.	M/s. Ranbaxy Labs.	Nil	7.31	11.68	13.81	8.24	14.84
4.	M/s. Unichem Labs.	Nil	0.43	0.36
TOTAL		Nil	33.16	60.61	127.15	138.66	172.05

Ranitidine prices

3882. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item 'Ranitidine price more than halved' which appeared in the Economic Times of 17th March, 1994;

(b) what are the names of two major formulators of this drug, what was their turn over per annum; and

(c) what are the packs and strengths of each formulation marketed by each formulator and what were their earlier and revised prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) To the extent information is available, the two major formulators of Ranitidine are (i) M/s. Glaxo and (ii) M/s. Cadila. The turn over of individual companies are not monitored.

(c) The details asked for are as under :—

	Ceiling Pack	Price (Rs.)	Price fixed on
Ranitidine Tabs.	150 mg	17.44	} 20-6-88
10's	300 mg	33.84	