

Effect of price control on quality of drugs

483. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Health and Family Welfare asked Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to reduce the number of drugs under price control to encourage Pharmaceutical industry;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers thereon;

(c) whether price control of essential drugs will impact their quality and availability?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

(c) Price Control is not the sole criteria which will impact quality and availability of drugs. There are several other important factors, which guide the quality and availability of drugs, like product acceptability, demand and supply economics, availability of better substitutes, technology status etc.

Profits of Pharma Companies

484. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evaluated the modus operandi of profits of Pharma Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure essential medicines for poor at affordable prices;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.