

(b) ACD pilot project covers 1736 Route kms. and 548 Locomotives on non-electrified section of NFR.

(c) Funds to the tune of ` 95 crores have been utilised for this project till March, 2011. During the last two years and this year, amount allocated and utilized is as under:—

Year	Allocated for the project ` crore	Amount utilized for Operation and Maintenance ` crore
2009-10	13	Nil
2010-11	12.5	9.50
2011-12	28	10.34

(d) Based on the experience of the NFR, specifications and design configuration were revised and the system as evolved was tried on the electrified multiple lines with automatic signalling section of the Southern Railway in 2010-2011. Operational and Technical problems noticed in Southern Railway trials are being looked into and a new ACD Version-2.0 after successful validation and certification will undergo extensive conformity trials once again.

Placing of essential drugs under DPCO

*353. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of essential drugs have increased abnormally during the last few months, having wide disparity between the manufacturing cost and the retail price of the medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to put the essential drugs under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) to regulate its prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per reports submitted by IMS Health, the number of formulation packs marketed is in the range of 48117 to 60,838 during the period April, 2006 to July, 2011. Further, as per Retail Audit Reports of IMS Health for this period *i.e.* April, 2006 to July, 2011, prices have increased only in the case of a small number of packs during this period while the prices of most of the packs have remained stable. Details of percentage number of packs, whose prices have

increased, decreased and remained stable on the monthly basis in percentage terms is given in the Statement (*See below*).

Further, as per the Wholesale Price Indices released by the Economic Adviser's office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, following position emerges:—

Wholesale Price Index (Base year 2004-05)

Year	All commodities	% age increase	Drugs and Medicines	%age increase
2006-2007	111.35	—	102.56	—
2007-2008	116.63	4.74	108.11	5.41
2008-2009	126.02	8.05	111.41	3.05
2009-2010	130.81	3.80	112.72	1.17
2010-2011	143.32	9.56	115.40	2.38

Source: Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It may be observed that the increase in prices of drugs and medicines has been generally lower than that for All Commodities during the years 2008-09 to 2010-2011.

(c) and (d) The Department of Pharmaceuticals has prepared a draft National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2011 (NPPP-2011) based on the criteria of essentiality and requirements as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The draft Policy envisages bringing the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011 and associated medicines under price control.

Statement

Details of percentage number of packs whose prices have increased, decreased and remained stable on the monthly basis

1. Percentage number of packs whose prices increased:

Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
2006-07	0.15	0.55	0.31	0.66	0.27	0.34	0.66	–	0.37	0.89	0.68	0.14
2007-08	0.77	0.14	0.10	0.02	0.13	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.32	0.33	0.03	0.00
2008-09	0.07	0.12	0.30	0.05	0.11	15.89	1.73	2.44	0.10	0.07	0.02	8.74
2009-10	1.99	0.62	4.75	0.01	0.07	3.21	0.14	0.003	2.92	0.03	0.02	2.66
2010-11	0.09	0.02	1.98	0.22	0.09	2.28	0.08	0.03	2.46	0.30	0.01	1.89
2011-12	0.07	0.02	1.49	0.01								

2. Percentage number of packs whose prices decreased:

Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
2006-07	0.33	0.24	0.28	0.03	0.35	0.15	0.11	0.00	0.62	0.30	0.23	0.04
2007-08	0.22	0.20	0.42	0.02	0.09	0.02	0.12	0.00	0.07	0.12	0.03	0.01
2008-09	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.09	10.85	1.32	2.41	0.29	0.02	0.03	6.67
2009-10	1.32	0.48	5.15	0.02	0.02	2.96	0.02	0.01	1.31	0.02	0.03	0.87
2010-11	0.06	0.01	1.45	0.14	0.03	1.15	0.01	0.02	0.88	0.15	0.01	0.62
2011-12	0.01	0.04	0.89	0.03								

3. Percentage number of packs whose prices remained stable:

Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
2006-07	99.52	99.20	99.41	99.31	99.37	99.51	99.23	100.00	99.02	98.81	99.18	99.81
2007-08	98.99	99.65	99.48	99.96	99.78	99.85	99.87	99.99	99.61	99.55	99.93	99.99
2008-09	99.93	99.85	99.62	99.92	99.80	73.26	96.95	95.15	99.61	99.91	99.95	84.59
2009-10	96.69	98.90	90.10	99.96	99.92	93.83	99.84	99.99	95.76	99.95	99.96	96.47
2010-11	99.85	99.97	96.57	99.65	99.88	96.57	99.91	99.95	96.66	99.55	99.98	97.49
2011-12	99.92	99.94	97.62	99.96								

Source: IMS-Health.