

prices of P&K fertilizers rose due to increase in international prices of P&K fertilizers and increase in exchange rate.

During the year 2012-13, the prices of P&K fertilizers have increased mainly due to depreciation of Indian Rupees from around Rs. 50 per US\$ in March, 2012 to more than Rs.56 per US\$ in June, 2012.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The prices of P&K fertilizers have increased mainly due to fluctuation in international prices of P&K fertilizers on which the Government has no control and also due to depreciation of Indian Rupee.

Formulation of new pharma policy

†2999. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to formulate a new pharma policy for controlling and rationalizing the pharmaceutical industry;

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

(c) whether Government has sought suggestions from drug manufactures and consumer organisations before granting approval to the new pharma policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of reply (a) above, does not arise.

Utilization of funds by NIPER

3000. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of Government grants sanctioned/disbursed for research projects to National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Mohali, year-wise during last three years;

(b) whether Government has made comparative assessment/review of the funds disbursement *vis-a-vis* utilization, project objective and achievements in each case; and

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