

2013 has been 18.45 Lakh MT *vis-a-vis* production of 18.25 Lakh MT during February 2012. However, production of P and K fertilizers during February 2013 has been lower at 6.59 Lakh MT *vis-a-vis* production of 8.42 Lakh MT during February 2012. This is mainly due to huge quantities of unsold stocks of P and K fertilizers in the field, temporary shutdown of some plants for maintenance and limitations on account of availability of raw materials. Since this is temporary phenomena, no corrective measures are contemplated.

#### **Guidelines for drug manufacturers**

3454. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced its new Drugs Pricing Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has issued guidelines for drug manufacturers with regard to quitting from manufacturing of drugs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Pharmaceuticals has notified the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy-2012 on 07.12.2012. The salient features of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2012 (NPPP-2012) are as under:

- The regulation of prices of drugs is on the basis of essentiality of drugs as specified under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)-2011.
  - The regulation of prices of drugs is on the basis of regulating the prices of formulations only.
  - The regulation of prices of drugs is on the basis of fixing the ceiling price of formulations through Market Based Pricing (MBP).
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) In view of reply to (c) above, does not arise.