

Market-based pricing of drugs

2220. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

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

- (a) whether Government has finalized the new drugs pricing policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the new drugs pricing policy marks a move from the cost based pricing mechanism to a market based pricing mechanism;
- (d) if so, whether any study has been conducted to assess the impact of the new drugs pricing policy on the price of essential drugs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (c) The Government notified 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 under National List of Essential Medicines-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).

(d) to (e) At the time of preparation of the policy, an analysis was made with the data available as on March'2011, with the pharmaceuticals market data specializing company - IMS Health. As per the analysis there is a reduction of more than or equal to 20% in the prices of around 60% essential medicines as under National List of Essential Medicines 2011.

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2221. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: