

1	2
20<=25%	57
25<=30%	41
30<=35%	27
35<=40%	33
Above 40%	112
TOTAL:	404

(b) and (c) No specific complaint that foreign medicine companies are selling medicines at exorbitant prices arbitrarily in violation of the Drug Policy, has been received.

(d) Besides control on prices of medicines as per the provisions of DPCO, for making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, the Government launched 'Jan Aushadhi Campaign' in November, 2008 by way of opening up Jan Aushadhi Drug Stores. Since, November, 2008, 161 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened in various parts of the country, out of which 82 are functional. A New Business Plan has been approved particularly to address the shortcomings and challenges identified in scaling up the activities.

New urea pricing

3004. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce new urea pricing in the 3rd stage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The provisions of Policy for Stage-III of New Pricing Scheme (NPS) have been extended beyond the validity period of NPS-III *i.e.* 31.03.2010 till further orders. The proposal for formulation of Modified NPS-III for the existing urea units has been considered by Group of Ministers (GoM), constituted to review the fertilizer policy during its second meeting held on 30th January, 2014. Based on the recommendations of GoM, final CCEA Note on modified NPS-III has been prepared and sent to Cabinet Secretariat for placing it before CCEA for consideration and approval.