

Medicines under price control regime

1104. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medicines under the price control regime;
- (b) whether Government intends to increase the number of medicines under price control;
- (c) if so, the details and names of the medicines proposed to be brought under price control; and
- (d) by when the order in this regard will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) All the medicines specified in the National List of Essential Medicines, 2011 (NLEM, 2011) have been included in Schedule 1 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) which contains 348 drugs covering 680 formulations. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has also fixed the prices of anti-diabetic and cardiovascular in respect of 108 non-scheduled formulations.

(b) NPPA, an independent body of experts under this Department has been delegated the power under DPCO, 2013 to fix the ceiling price or retail price of any drug.

(c) and (d) Does not arise

Withdrawal/reduction of subsidy on fertilizers

†1105. SHRI NARESH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to reduce and withdraw the subsidy being given to fertilizers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Question does not arise.

Prices of essential and life-saving drugs

1106. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.