

as per Drugs (Prices Control), 1995 (DPCO, 95). The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has collected data on trade margin being offered by the manufacturers to the retailers for a limited sample. It was noted that some manufacturers had offered high margin to the retailers. However, the market share of such medicines was small.

Cleansing of Union Carbide factory soil and environment

1815. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

SHRI BALAWANT alias BAL APTE;

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

(a) whether Government had been called upon by the Union Carbide Corporation of the US on a direction of the New York Court; to give a No-objection Certificate for the Corporation to undertake cleansing of the Union Carbide factory, soil and environment, by 30th July, 2004;

(b) if so, whether the NOC has since been issued; and

(c) what directions have been given to the Union Carbide Corporation in this regard and the steps since taken to cleanse the soil and the environment?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) So far, no such request has been received from the Union Carbide Corporation by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals.

Pricing of urea fertilizers

†1816. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the rates of secondary freight of urea;

(b) if so, by when a decision would be taken in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.