

31 in Pali district, 51 in Hoshangabad district, 1 in Rangareddy district; 131 in Krishna district; 35 in Una district; 50 in West Godavari district.

- (iv) Most of the retailers did not complain about signal/connectivity issues.
- (v) Overcharging of retailers reduced. Both retailers and farmers were of the opinion that diversion of fertilizers will reduce because of AeFDS.
- (vi) Retailers find a relief in terms of less need for book keeping and automatic stock updation.

Price control on coronary stents charged by the hospitals

4054. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the margin of profit has been added on MRP fixed for different types of coronary stents by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

(b) if so, the details of MRP fixed by NPPA along with the margin of profit; and

(c) the action that could be taken against hospitals, in case they demand higher price for stents than their MRP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) notified the ceiling price of coronary stent *vide* its notification dated 13th February 2017 at INR 7,260/- for Bare Metal Stent and INR 29,600/- for Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/ Biodegradable Stents. Considering the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the year 2016 over 2015, NPPA has since revised the ceiling price of Bare Metal Stents from INR 7,260/- to INR 7,400/- and for Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/Biodegradable Stents from INR 29,600/- to INR 30,180/- *vide* notification dated 1.4.2017.

NPPA had noted that there was huge trade margin involved in Stents' trade channel. The level of average margins ranged between maximum 436% (BMS) to 654% (DES). The ceiling prices fixed by NPPA include maximum 8% 'overall trade margin' (excluding inbuilt margins of manufacturers/importers) which may be deployed by the manufacturers/importers to distributors/hospitals as per their discretion in the trade channel according to their business model. The ceiling prices are sacrosanct and no additional charge over and above the same are to be charged except applicable local tax/VAT.

(c) NPPA has directed hospitals to issue detailed bill to the patients, clearly mentioning the brand name of the manufacturer/importer/batch number and other details, if any, of stents. Manufacturers or Institutions are liable to deposit the over charged amount alongwith interest under the provision of Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013. NPPA has also requested aggrieved persons to send verifiable information/complaints on help line number of NPPA, though online complaint mechanism (Pharma Jan Samadhan) or on WhatsApp.

Making the country self-reliant in urea

4055. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to make India self-reliant in Urea in a time period of four years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to achieve the target of self-reliance in Urea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) The Government has notified New Investment Policy (NIP)-2012 on 2nd January, 2013 and its amendment on 7th October, 2014 to facilitate fresh investment in urea sector and to make India self-sufficient in the urea sector. At present, Department of Fertilizers has received following 6 proposals for setting up of Greenfield and Brownfield (Expansion) the urea projects:—

Company	Projects	Ownership	State
Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited-Gadepan	Brownfield Ammonia-Urea units at Gadepan-Kota	Private	Rajasthan
Matix Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, Panagarh	Greenfield/ Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Fertilizers Complex at Panagarh	Private	West Bengal
Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited-Thal	Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Expansion project at Thal	CPSU	Maharashtra