

(c) and (d) India's import (in quantity and rupees) of inorganic and organic chemicals from China as well as other countries has decreased in 2016-17 as compared to previous year. Import of chemicals from a country depends on large number of global and domestic economic factors.

(e) and (f) The prices of chemicals depend upon demand and supply prevailing in the market. The Government does not regulate the prices of chemicals.

Drug Pricing Policy

835. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a change in the method of approving prices of new drugs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether non-essential drugs might be affected by the change in drug pricing policy; and

(c) if so, the steps Government will take to protect any adverse effects of this pricing policy change on the pharmaceutical sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) No, Sir. The prices of 'new drugs' continue to be governed by Para 15 of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO-2013).

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, does not arise.

(c) In view of reply to (a) above, does not arise.

Providing customized fertilizers to farmers

836. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to distribute/provide customized fertilizers to the farmers of the country;

(b) if so, the details of plan and model applications therefor; and

(c) the proposal to revamp fertilizer units of the country to meet the demand for production and supply thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of India under clause 20 B of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 has notified 30 valid grades of