

NBS Scheme for Urea

47. SHRIDEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is fixing a Nutrient - Based Subsidy rate (NBS) for Urea, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is trying to decontrol the prices of urea in the market and if so, how would it manage the rising prices of Urea; and

(c) in what manner Government plans to regulate the import of cheaper urea as a result of the rising prices of Urea?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) No, Sir. Presently there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Manufacture and import of drug for Haemophilia

48. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies manufacturing the drug for Haemophilia in the country along with details thereof;

(b) whether the drug RF8 is imported and if so, the value of import for the past three years;

(c) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has fixed the sale price for the imported medicine for Haemophilia; and

(d) whether Government is aware of the MNCs violating the price control order, if so, steps taken against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI D. V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) and (b) The drug name mentioned as RF8 appears to be Recombinant Factor VIII. There are two types of Anti Haemophilic Factor VIII used for hemophilia viz.

(i) Plasma derived

(ii) Recombinant de-oxyribo Nucleic Acid (r-DNA) derived.