

### **Regarding rising MRP of Pharmaceutical products**

**DR. PRABHA MALLIKARJUN (DAVANAGERE):** Hon. Chairperson, Madam, thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk on the rising MRP of pharmaceuticals. I wish to draw your attention to the recent decision by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority allowing 50 per cent price increase for eight essential medicines used in the treatment of asthma, glaucoma, thalassemia, tuberculosis and mental health disorders. This decision will significantly raise the cost of formulations of life-saving drugs impacting millions of patients across the country, particularly those from the economically weaker sections. While it is important to ensure the viability of pharmaceutical manufacturing, the Government must also consider the affordability of essential medicines for common citizens. Therefore, I urge the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to take urgent steps to prevent undue financial burden on patients and ensure that essential medicines remain affordable to all.