

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:25
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Cancer Care Foundation has suggested to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to make cancer-treatment drugs affordable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c) : National Cancer Care Foundation has sent its suggestions to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to make the drugs used in the treatment of cancer affordable. The 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO,95) and the formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO,95. These drugs have been identified for inclusion under price control in the DPCO,95, on the basis of criteria mentioned in the 'Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986', announced in September, 1994. These criteria take into account the extent of usage and the market competition of various drugs. None of the 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of DPCO,95, is an anti cancer drug.
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