

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

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PRICE RISE OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether prices of many medicines have increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the names of medicines alongwith the names of foreign companies from where these medicines have been imported;
- (c) the details of medicines identified for inclusion in Price Control based on the criteria in modifications in Drug Policy 1980; and
- (d) the steps taken to lessen the burden of high prices on the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

- (a) There have been both increase and decrease in the prices of some commonly used medicines during the last three years.
- (b) Almost all medicines are in the Free List of Imports. Imports are made by individual importers from various sources on commercial considerations.
- (c) and (d) Drugs have been identified for inclusion in price control on the basis of criteria mentioned in the `Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986` announced in September, 1994. Presently, 74 bulk drugs and formulations based thereon are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995.