

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

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COST NORMS FOR DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to change the cost norms for drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has decided to obtain data both from manufacturers and the consumers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the number of drug companies have not been furnishing the data despite being consistently requested by the Government;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the extent to which the new drug cost norms have been helpful to the consumers?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (g): A study for revision of Cost Norms such as Conversion Cost (CC), Packing Charges (PC), Process Loss (PL) is being conducted by Cost & Accounts Branch of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, at the instance of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). The NPPA has also commissioned a study on Packing Material Charges which has been completed by the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Chandigarh. All the Industry Associations have been requested from time to time to ask their members to co-operate with these two studies, and some information has become available.

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