

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:107
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
REVIEW OF PRICES OF DRUGS BY NPPA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) recently reviewed the prices of certain drugs like Vitamin-C Idochlorohydroxy quinoline, etc. ;
- (b) if so, the revised prices of the drugs fixed as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had earlier brought down the prices of the major multi-vitamin combinations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the impact of the reduced prices is not being felt by the consumer; and
- (f) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the benefit of the reduced prices is passed on to the consumers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.107 FOR ANSWER ON THE FEBRUARY,2003.

(a) to (f) : The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) had recently reviewed the prices of bulk drug Vitamin C and drug Idochlorohydroxy-quinoline (ICHQ). The prices of bulk drug Vitamin C (Plain), Vitamin C (coated) and Sodium Ascorbate were revised downward on 06.09.2002 to Rs.423.00/kg, Rs.419.00/kg and Rs.466.00/kg from the then prices of Rs.526.00/kg, Rs.526.00/kg and Rs.592.00/kg, respectively. The prices of bulk drug Idochlorohydroxy-quinoline was revised upward on 06.09.2002 to Rs.764.00/kg from the then price of Rs.740.00/kg. The prices of formulations containing bulk drug Vitamin C as single ingredient as well as multi-vitamin combinations were also revised. These prices were revised downward ranging between 0.16% to 51.44% on 24.12.2002. The prices of formulations containing bulk drug Idochlorohydroxy-quinoline were revised upward ranging between 0.94% to 3.55% on 24.12.2002. The major formulators of the multi-vitamin formulation have submitted to NPPA the price list showing the revised price of the multi-vitamin preparations.