

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2637  
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PRICES OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that prices of certain life saving drugs like Factor administered to Haemophilia patients are sky-rocketing recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider to manufacture such life saving drugs in the country and to sell them at an affordable price; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

- (a) No complaint has been received by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) about the high price rise of Factor K drug which is used for treatment of Haemophilia patients.
- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.
- (c) and (d) The Central Public Sector Undertakings viz., Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited and Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited are producing medicines to make them available at an affordable price.