

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:36
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DRUG PRICES CONTROL MECHANISM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has no effective price control mechanism in place for drugs which are patented and imported as reported in The Times of India dated January 13,2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has examined the recommendations of the Task Force on drug prices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to implement the said recommendations; and
- (e) the time by which new pharmaceutical policy is likely to be announced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWANJ)

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