

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1020
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MEETING OF PHARMA ADVISORY FORUM
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any meeting of Pharma Advisory Forum was held recently to discuss the pricing mechanism of drugs, consumer problems and draft pharmaceutical policy;
- (b) if so, the outcome of the said meeting; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The 1st meeting of the Pharmaceutical Advisory Forum, was held under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Minister (C&F&S) on 11-2-2006 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Various issues contained in the Draft National Pharmaceutical Policy 2006 (Part A) were discussed. Based on such discussions and comments received from various stakeholders, the Government is likely to announce the new Policy shortly.