

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

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PRODUCTION PRICE OF DECONTROLLED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that production and prices of de-controlled Drugs are higher than the controlled Drugs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (K. RAHMAN KHAN)

(a) to (c) : 74 bulk drugs are specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order,1995 (DPCO,95). Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view the various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc. The Government takes corrective measures where the public interest is found to be adversely affected. As per a recent study, it is noted that the availability of medicines in the de-controlled sector is on the higher side as compared to those in the controlled sector.