

Title: Requested the government to intervene in the proposed hike in the price of insulin formulation as declared by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Sir, this is a very urgent matter. For quite some time people belonging to different sections of Indian society, including eminent medical professionals, have been drawing the attention of the Government that the price of insulin formulation is going up in such a manner that a large number of diabetic people, who have to depend on insulin, cannot afford to buy the insulin formulation.

Sir, ignoring the frantic appeals from people belonging to different sections of the society, like medical professionals, NGOs, etc., on 8th March, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has revised the prices of fourteen life saving drugs, including insulin formulation, to the extent of 48 per cent. This is going to take effect from 22nd March.

Even when the people of this country are appealing to bring down the prices of insulin, the authority is raising it. The Government is going to kill millions of such people who are depending on insulin. The Government should intervene and such raising of the price of insulin formulation should not be allowed.