

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PRICE CONTROL MECHANISM OF MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether Government has constituted a Committee of Group of Ministers to review the price control mechanism of medicines;
- (b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee;
- (d) the details of the action taken by Government on such recommendations; and
- (e) if not, by when the Committee will finalize and submit its report ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (e): The draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy 2006 prepared by this Department after extensive discussions with various stakeholders and in line with the declared objective of the Government in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11.1.2007 and decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). The GOM has held four meetings. However, after the formation of the new Government, the GOM has been re-constituted on 1.9.2009. The final decision on the issue of Pharmaceutical Policy will be possible after GOM makes its recommendation to the Cabinet.