

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 926**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016**

**Cost of Drugs for Critical Diseases**

926. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

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

(a) whether the Government plans to reduce the cost of drugs in the country for treatment of critical diseases, heart attack, knee replacement, kidney problem etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b): The Government has notified the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO-2013) on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 to control the prices of medicines in the country. As per the provisions of DPCO-2013, to control the prices of essential medicines National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed the prices of medicines appearing in Schedule 1 of DPCO-2013. The above action of the government has resulted in saving to the consumers to the tune of approximately Rs. 5060.30 crores which includes medicines for critical diseases.

The ceiling prices fixed by NPPA in some of the essential medicines used for treatment of critical diseases is as under:

Sl. No.	Medicines	Dosage Form & Strength	Unit/Pack Size	Ceiling Price (Rs.)
<b>Disease: Rheumatoid disorders (Knee Pain)</b>				
(i)	Azathioprine	Tablet 50 mg	1 Tablet	9.02
(ii)	Hydroxychloroquine	Tablet 200 mg	1 Tablet	5.50
		Tablet 400 mg	1 Tablet	11.08
(iii)	Leflunomide	Tablet 10 mg	1 Tablet	9.30
		Tablet 20 mg	1 Tablet	18.13
<b>Disease: Antiretroviral medicines (HIV)</b>				
(iv)	Abacavir	Tablet 60 mg Tablet 300 mg	1 Tablet	43.76
(v)	Abacavir (A)+ Lamivudine (B)	Tablet 60 mg (A) + 30 mg (B)	1 Tablet	44.70
			1 Tablet	84.55
(vi)	Lamivudine (A) + Nevirapine (B) + Stavudine (C)	Dispensable Tablet 30 mg (A) + 50 mg (B) + 6 mg (C)  Tablet 150 mg (A) + 200 mg (B) + 30 mg (C)		
<b>Cardiovascular medicines</b>				
(vii)	Clopidogrel	Tablet 75 mg	1 Tablet	6.44
(viii)	Isosorbide-5- mononitrate	Tablet 10 mg Tablet 20 SR Tablet 30 mg	1 Tablet	4.54
		SR Tablet 60 mg	1 Tablet	5.92
(ix)	Metoprolol	Tablet 25 mg	1 Tablet	2.88
		Tablet 50mg	1 Tablet	4.36

		SR Tablet 25 mg	1 Tablet	3.75
		SR Tablet 50mg	1 Tablet	5.35
		Capsule 25 mg	1 Capsule	3.92
		Capsule 50 mg	1 Capsule	5.98
<b>Medicines used in diabetes mellitus</b>				
(x)	Glimepiride	Tablet 1 mg	1 Tablet	3.33
		Tablet 2 mg	1 Tablet	5.29
(xi)	Isulin (Soluble)	Injection 40 IU/ml	1 ml	13.34
			1 ml	13.40
(xii)	Metformin	Tablet 500 mg (controlled release)	1 Tablet	1.77
		Tablet 500 mg (Immediate release)	1 Tablet	1.39
		Tablet 750 mg (Immediate and controlled release)		
		Tablet 1000 mg controlled release	1 Tablet	3.38
		Tablet 1000 mg Immediate release	1 Tablet	3.34

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