

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 945

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd November, 2016

Import of Life Saving Drugs

945. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

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

(a) whether life-saving drugs for treatment of cancer, HIV and cardiac failures are likely to become costlier and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has withdrawn the exemption on customs duty on certain bulk drugs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pharma industry is unhappy with this move;

(d) whether withdrawal of exemption pertains to customs duties which is likely to impact imported drugs and those manufactured in SEZs and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Make in India strategy will help to solve this problem?

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): No, Madam.

(b): Yes, Madam. The details of the bulk drugs on which Customs duty exemption has been removed by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) is given in the attached statement.

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(c) & (d): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has received few representations from the Pharma Associations/Companies requesting for allowing commensurate increase in drug prices to absorb the increase in cost on account of withdrawal of exemptions on customs duty.

(e): The withdrawal of exemptions on customs duty on certain bulk drugs/formulations by the Government (CBEC) was done to provide a level playing field to the domestic manufacturers to make Make-in-India a success.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 945 REGARDING IMPORT OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016.

Sl. No.	Description of drugs	Sl. No.	Description of drugs
1.	Allopurinol	38.	Infliximab
2.	Amiodarone	39.	Interlukin-3
3.	Amifostine	40.	Didanosine
4.	Atracurium besylate	41.	Indinavir
5.	Carbidopa with Levodopa	42.	Nelfinavir
6.	Cefoperazone	43.	Stavudine
7.	Ceftizoxime	44.	Abacavir sulphate
8.	Cefpirome	45.	Lopinavir
9.	Dacarbazine	46.	Tenofovir Disoproxil
10.	Desmopressin	47.	Cisplatin
11.	Dobutamine	48.	Dinazole
12.	Disodium Pamidronate	49.	Doxorubicin
13.	Gemcitabine	50.	Etoposide
14.	Ifosfamide	51.	Flutamide
15.	Interferon alpha-2b/interferon alpha NL(LNS)	52.	Flutamide
16.	Ketamine	53.	Ondansetran
17.	Levodopa (L-Dopa)	54.	Paclitaxel
18.	Lamivudine	55.	Tamoxifen citrate
19.	Letrozole	56.	Exemestane
20.	Leuprolide Acetate	57.	Recombinant Human Interferron beta I-a
21.	Mercaptopurine	58.	Rasburicase
22.	Methyl Prednisolone	59.	Posaconazole
23.	Mitomycin	60.	Abciximab
24.	Netilmicin	61.	Anti-Rabies Normal Human immunoglobulin
25.	Naloxone	62.	Anti-D Immunoglobulin
26.	Nitroglycerine	63.	Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)
27.	Micronised Progesterone or Injection	64.	Filgrastim / Molgramostim (G-CSF/GM-CSF)
28.	Pilocarpine	65.	Imatinib Mesilate
29.	Podophyllotoxin	66.	Irinotecan
30.	Piperacillin	67.	Nalorphine
31.	Pralidoxime	68.	Procarbazine
32.	Prazosin	69.	Ritonavir
33.	Streptokinase and Streptodomase preparations	70.	Rivastigmine

34.	Tissue Plasminogen Activator	71.	Rituximab
35.	Recombinant human Erythropoietin	72.	Saquinavir
36.	Lopinavir plus Ritonavir (co-formulation of Lopinavir and Ritonavir)	73.	Trastuzumab
37.	Capecitabine		

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