

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3198
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st March, 2017

Overcharging by Hospitals

3198. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has made public the names of 24 hospitals against which complaints have been received for charging more than the ceiling price of coronary stents and several hospitals out of these have been issued notices in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding the provisions of penalty for charging more than the fixed price of coronary stents; and
- (c) the details of penalty imposed by the Government on hospitals/doctors and others in this regard, State and Union Territory-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS, ROAD
TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS AND SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L.
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(a): As on 16.03.2017, 35 complaints have been received by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) alleging overpricing by 31 hospitals. Summarized and updated status of such complaints is available on the website of NPPA (<http://nppaindia.nic.in>). NPPA has asked the complainants to submit copy of bill / cash memo and discharge certificate for taking follow up action. Notices have also been issued to the hospitals/companies concerned seeking their explanation regarding overcharging / bills.

(b) & (c): As per Para 14 of Drug (Prices Control) Order 2013, if any manufacturer sells a scheduled formulation at a price higher than the ceiling price (plus local taxes as applicable) fixed and notified by the Government, such manufacturers shall be liable to deposit the overcharged amount along with interest thereon from the date of such overcharging. No penalty has been imposed by the Government on hospitals / doctors and others for overpricing of stents till now as complete details such as copies of bills/explanations from the hospitals have been sought.