

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2576
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August, 2017

Coronary Stents

2576. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Government has notified inclusion of coronary stents in the National List of Essential Medicines;

(b) whether it is true that so far the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has not fixed the price of coronary stents and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether imported coronary stents are different from the domestically manufactured ones; and

(d) whether there is any price variation between the two, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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) to (d): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare included Coronary Stents in National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2015 vide notification dated 19.07.2016. Subsequently Department of Pharmaceuticals included coronary stents in Schedule-I of Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO), 2013 vide notification dated 21.12.2016. National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) notified the ceiling price of Coronary Stents vide notification dated 13.02.2017 at INR 7,260/- for Bare Metal Stent and INR 29,600/- for Drug Eluting Stent (DES) including metallic DES and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/ Biodegradable Stents. NPPA, vide notification dated 01.04.2017, has revised the prices to INR 7,400/- for Bare Metal Stent(BMS) and INR 30,180/- for Drug Eluting Stent (including BVS and Biodegradable Stent) with effect from 1.4.2017 considering the notified Wholesale price index. The DPCO 2013 does not differentiate between imported and domestically manufactured stents. The ceiling prices notified for coronary stents is applicable for both imported as well as indigenous coronary stents.

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