

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *51
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th December, 2017

Price Cap on Medical Devices

*51. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether the decision of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to put a price cap on coronary stents has led to an artificial shortage of these stents in the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address this artificial shortage;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce price cap on any other medical device or medicine in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *51 for answer on 19/12/2017 regarding Price Cap on Medical Devices.

(a) & (b): No such artificial shortage of coronary stents in the country has been reported to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) after price capping.

(c) & (d): The Government introduces price cap for medicines and medical devices which are included under Schedule – I of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013). At present, there are 845 formulations and 4 medical devices under Schedule – I of DPCO, 2013 for which the Government has fixed the price – caps. Under para 19 of DPCO, 2013: ‘Notwithstanding anything contained in this order, the Government may, in case of extra-ordinary circumstances, if it considers necessary so to do in public interest, fix the ceiling price or retail price of any Drug for such period, as it may deem fit’.
