

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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1725

TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

**Price of Stents**

1725. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has reduced the price of top end stents;
- (b) whether it is true that many firms/ pharma companies had withdrawn their top end stents after the price cut;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**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): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in its meeting dated 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 fixed the ceiling price of the coronary stents at Rs 29,600/- for Drug eluting Stents (DES) and Rs. 7,260/- for Bare Metal Stents, resulting in reduction in the prices of coronary stents by upto 85%. The ceiling prices were later revised to Rs. 30,180/- for Drug eluting Stent and Rs. 7,400/- for Bare Metal Stent with effect from 1-April-2017, considering wholesale price index of 2016. NPPA in its meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 which continued on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 re-fixed the ceiling prices at Rs. 27,890 for Drug eluting Stents and at Rs. 7,660/- for Bare Metal Stents.

(b) to (d): The sub-committee of the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its meeting dated 25-Jan-2018 has stated that there is no sufficient evidence of any Drug eluting Stents (DES) being the superior over any other DES. Hence, the question of calling some brands as top end stent does not arise. As on date, technically no company has withdrawn any brand from Indian market after 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2018.

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