

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4071  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

**Supply of Generic Medicine**

4071. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

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

- (a) whether there is inadequate supply of generic medicines in the country particularly in Government hospitals and dispensaries;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that big pharmaceutical cartels are trying to thrust their highly priced medicines on it and to the patients;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to utilise facilities in the public sector pharmaceutical units to produce such medicines at cheaper costs; and
- (d) whether it would also arrange for production of vaccines to prevent speeding up of new generation communicable diseases in various parts of the country?

**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): The country is self-sufficient in medicines. However, a facility for reporting shortage of medicines, if any, by the public has been provided by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) through helpline number /Pharma Jan Samadhan / mobile number and twitter handle ([https://twitter.com/nppa\\_india](https://twitter.com/nppa_india)). NPPA is monitoring about 97,000 Stock Keeping Units (SKUs) based on Pharmatrac data.

(b): As per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013), all manufacturers of Scheduled medicines have to sell their products within the ceiling price fixed by the Government. As regards non-scheduled formulations, the manufacturers are not allowed to increase the price by more than 10 % per annum.

(c) & (d): The facilities of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country are already being utilised to produce quality medicines/vaccines at affordable prices which would also prevent speeding up of new generation communicable diseases in various parts of the country.

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