

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5772  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018

**Pricing of New Drugs**

5772. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to expedite the pricing of new drugs to ensure adequate supply of drugs in the market; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, 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) & (b): The Government has issued instructions to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to take a decision within 30 days from the receipt of an application for fixation of price for a "New Drug" under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) and within 7 days if drug of similar composition has been approved earlier or the manufacturer is offering lower price than decided for similar drug earlier. Also, in cases where a new drug of higher strength is being offered at the ceiling price of the drug of lower strength, then the approval may be given within 7 days.

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