

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st July, 2018

Availability of Price Controlled Drugs

2158. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the availability of drugs brought under price control during the last six years;
- (b) if so, the details and findings of such study;
- (c) whether the Government has any data on the sale of medicines brought under price control; and
- (d) if so, the details for the last one year?

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): No, Madam. As an ongoing process, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) effectively monitors the production and availability of medicines mainly through the Drugs Control Administration of State Governments. Whenever shortage is reported by the State Drug Controllers or when the matter comes to the notice of NPPA, remedial steps are taken for ensuring availability of drugs by impressing upon manufacturers to rush the stocks to the places of shortage.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. As per the All Indian Origin Chemists & Distributors Limited (AIOCD Ltd.) (Pharma Trac Data) report, the annual turnover of Scheduled formulations for the year ending 31.3.2018 is Rs. 19,767 crore.

The Annual Turnover for the last five years is as follows:

(Amount in crore)

Drugs	Year ending 31.3.2014	Year ending 31.3.2015	Year ending 31.3.2016	Year ending 31.3.2017	Year ending 31.3.2018
Scheduled	16,507	18,068	20,320	19,864	19,767
Non-Scheduled	63,477	72,501	82,294	93,064	99,618
TOTAL	79,983	90,570	1,02,614	1,12,929	1,19,386

The Annual Turnover data reveals that the sale of medicines brought under price control is increasing over the last 5 years.
