

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th December, 2018

Price Ceiling of Stents

1365. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether both drug-eluting stents and bare-metal stents have been placed in the same price-ceiling group and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether clubbing of the said stents in the same price ceiling group is likely to restrict the choice of stents and affects the choice of medical device used in treatment; and
- (c) 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): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed separate ceiling prices for Drug Eluting Stents and Bare Metal Stents under the category Coronary Stents initially vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 412 (E) dated 13th February 2017 and notified the revised ceiling price vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 639(E) dated 12th February 2018.

(b): In view of the (a) above, this question does not arise.

(c): The Sub-committee of the Core Committee of the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) recommended the classification of Stents vide its Report dated 24/05/2016 considering the representation of the stakeholders. Drug Eluting Stents and Bare Metal Stents are distinct product under the category Coronary Stents. Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) vide its Gazette Notification No. S.O. 4100(E) dated 21st December 2016 notified inclusion of Coronary Stents in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) in two categories as follows:

31- Coronary Stents	
31.1	Bare Metal Stents
31.2	Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/ Biodegradable Stents
