

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th January, 2019

Shortage of D-Penicillin

4567. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of D-Penicillin medicine in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that due to shortage of raw-materials, the production of this medicine has decreased;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the action taken/being taken by the Government to bridge the gap in the shortage of D-Penicillin in 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) to (e): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has not received any complaint regarding shortage of D-Penicillamine. The production/sales details submitted by major producer of D Pencillamine in the Country i.e., M/s Panacea Biotech Ltd. also do not show any declining trend as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Year	Production(strips)	Sales (strips)
1	2016-17	1,11,280	1,26,915
2	2017 -18	2,87,965	2,75,772
3	2018-19(half-year only till 30.9.2018)	1,52,690	1,37,237
