

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th March, 2023

Sale of Antiretroviral Drugs

2978. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the antiretroviral drug is being sold at high prices due to shortage/insufficient supply of drugs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of antiretroviral drugs produced in the country in the last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (d) the quantum of antiretroviral drugs imported and amount of funds utilized for the same in the last five years, year-wise, country-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for ensuring the supply/production of antiretroviral drugs in adequate quantity to meet the demand in the country in the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) & (b): No such complaint of shortage/ price violation of antiretroviral drug has been received in the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP).

(c) & (d): The data on production and import of antiretroviral drugs is not readily available with CDSCO and DGCIS.

(e): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under DoP takes remedial steps for ensuring availability of drugs by impressing upon concerned companies to rush the stocks to the places of reported shortage of any drug as and when reported by the State Drug Controllers (SDC) or through references received from Ministry of Health or individual complaints or through Pharma Jan Samadhan.
