

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*434
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st April, 2022

Life Saving Drugs

**434. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) whether the prices of a number of life saving drugs have been reduced by the Government recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage decrease in prices, drug-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to reduce the prices of more life saving drugs in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *434 for answer on 01.04.2022 regarding Life Saving Drugs.

(a) to (d): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) publishes the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), which is incorporated in the Schedule - I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO). National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals fixes the ceiling price of scheduled formulations as per the provisions of the DPCO, 2013. Schedule-I of DPCO, 2013 was last amended by adopting NLEM, 2015 consisting of 377 medicines. NPPA has fixed the ceiling prices of 886 scheduled formulations of medicines under NLEM, 2015 till 23.03.2022. In addition, NPPA has fixed retail price of 1,817 new drugs under DPCO, 2013. Further, NPPA has capped the Trade Margin of non-scheduled formulations of 42 Anti-cancer medicines under 'Trade Margin Rationalization' approach as a Pilot for proof of concept, wherein price of more than 500 brands of medicines were reduced up to 90%. The details of price regulated by NPPA are available on its website, i.e., www.nppaindia.nic.in.

The details of reduction in prices in terms of percentage based on the ceiling price fixation of 886 scheduled formulations are as under:

% reduction with respect to Maximum Price	No. of formulations
0<= 5%	244
5<=10%	141
10<=15%	105
15<=20%	101
20<=25%	94
25<=30%	69
30<=35%	46
35<=40%	26
Above 40%	60
TOTAL	886
