

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2650**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

**Life Saving Drugs on EMI**

2650. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

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

- (a) whether the pharmaceutical companies propose to provide life saving drugs on EMI so that expensive medicines could be made available at affordable prices, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is difficult to bear the expenses of patented drugs due to lack of health insurances in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a): The Department of Pharmaceuticals does not have of any proposal for providing life saving drugs on EMI so that expensive medicines could be made available at affordable prices.

(b): Patented medicines are costly. However, Generics of the same therapeutic category are available in the market which are much cheaper than the patented medicines.

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