

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
SALE OF ANTI ASTHMA DRUGS AT HIGHER PRICES .

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Shri Amar Singh

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of companies producing anti-asthma products containing Salbutamol and Leavo Salbutamol are not following the ceiling prices and selling their products at much higher prices;
- (b) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken against those companies?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): National Pharmaceutical Pricing authority (NPPA) has informed that certain companies were found selling Salbutamol and Leavo Salbutamol based medicines over and above the ceiling price fixed by NPPA. NPPA has issued notices to all such companies. A statement indicating names of the companies where demand of overcharging have been quantified and their present status of recovery is enclosed. As number of cases related to Salbutamol bulk drug and related formulations are lying in various Courts and are sub-judice, the recovery of the amount depends on the outcome of these Court Cases.