

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2258
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31st JULY, 2026

Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

2258. Shri Robert Bruce C:

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

- (a) the total number of domestic pharmaceutical manufacturers that have successfully registered their production lines on the newly launched Form IA central digital pricing database, batch-wise; and
- (b) the details of the penal actions initiated by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) against distributors for overcharging or artificial retail stock withholding across Tamil Nadu during the last four months?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): As per the Drugs (Prices Control) Amendment Order, 2026 notified by the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) *vide* S.O. 3516 (E) dated 30th June 2026, any existing manufacturer producing the same new drug formulation whose retail price has been notified by NPPA in preceding twelve months is required to follow the same retail price and intimate to NPPA under Form-1A within one month from the date of launch. Form-IA does not mandate registering the production lines or batches by the domestic pharmaceutical manufacturers.

(b): The National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority (NPPA) is entrusted with implementation of Drugs Price Control Order issued by the DoP, from time to time. NPPA monitors the prices of scheduled as well as non-scheduled medicines under DPCO, 2013 and takes action against manufacturers found overcharging the consumers, based on the references received from various resources including Price Monitoring and Resource Units (PMRUs), State Drugs Controllers, samples purchased from the open market, reports from market data base, complaints reported through the grievance redressal channels. The suspected cases of overcharging received from above sources are examined and in case a prima facie case of overcharging is made out, action is initiated as per provisions of DPCO, 2013.

During the last four months, NPPA has issued 103 demand notices to manufacturers across the country including Tamil Nadu. Further, NPPA does not maintain state-wise record of overcharging by pharmaceutical companies.
