

## **Govt forms panel to revise List of Essential Medicines**

The government formed a core committee, comprising drug price regulator NPPA and department of pharmaceuticals, for revision of the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), but it is yet to submit its report. "The report is yet to be submitted," state minister for chemicals and fertilizers Hans Raj Gangaram Ahir informed Parliament. "The government in the ministry of health has set up a core committee for revision of NLEM 2011 in which both the department of pharmaceuticals and NPPA are represented," said Ahir. There are 680 drug formulations related to 348 bulk drugs listed in NLEM by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.