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Q&A PRICE CEILING FIXED FOR **530 ESSENTIAL MEDICINES** 

LOK SABHA: The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has fixed the ceiling prices for 530 essential medicines, including 47 for cancer and 22 for HIV, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said during question hour. A ceiling has also been fixed under the Drug Price Control Order 2013 for 106 nonscheduled medicines - 84 for cardiovascular diseases and 22 for diabetes. NPPA has also fixed retail prices of 247 "new drugs" under DPCO 2013, Ahir said. Earlier, AAP's Dharamvira Gandhi had displayed a strip of Cetrizine tablets and said the printed price is 2,000% higher than what the distributor/wholesaler got it for.