

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

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Recently, the drug price regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) raised ceiling rates for two key platinum-based cancer drugs by 50% after a surge in raw material costs triggered widespread shortages.

About National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

- It is an **independent regulator** for **pricing of drugs** and to ensure availability and accessibility of medicines at affordable prices.
- It was constituted in 1997 under the **Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers**.

Functions of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

- To **implement and enforce the provisions of the Drugs** (Prices Control) Order in accordance with the powers delegated to it.
- To **monitor the availability of drugs**, identify shortages, if any, and to take remedial steps.

- To **collect/ maintain data on production**, exports and imports, market share of individual companies, profitability of companies etc, for bulk drugs and formulations.
- To recruit/ appoint the officers and other staff members of the Authority, as per rules and procedures laid down by the Government.
- To **render advice to the Central Government** on changes/ revisions in the drug policy.
- To render assistance to the Central Government in the parliamentary matters relating to drug pricing
- To **fix and revising drug prices** as per the provisions of the **Drugs Prices Control Order (DPCO)**,
- NPPA provides **ceiling price to all drugs** notified under **Schedule-I of DPCO** and so far

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