

Q Explain the various measures taken by the govt. of India to regulate the drug prices during the pandemic.

Soln During COVID-19 Govt. of India supplied important medicines and drugs to approx 114 countries, maintaining the requirements of Indian Market

Measures by Govt. of India

A Price:

- Govt regulated and reduced the price of medicines.
- Also made some medicines available 24x7 in hospitals.

B Availability:

- Govt keep the pharma companies & industries operation mode to maintain supply
- Co. Companies kept producing oxygen and Nitrogen cylinders to reach the demand
  - A stage occur there was a shortage for oxygen cylinders.
- The price for imp equipments were reduced.

## \* Industrial Measures:

- Govt Companies and Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) like DRDO, BHEL & etc. started manufacturing Ventilators, PPE kits and etc. at low price.
- Companies also produced gas cylinders for port hospital
- Pharma industries gained and exported masks, medicines & cylinders up to 65% high like as compared to previous year

## \* International Support:

- Govt. of India supplied Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and various other medicines to foreign countries.
- approx. 114 countries were supplied HCQ.
- Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar and Nepal were given free HCQ and other imp medicines

## \* Initiatives taken:

- Govt de allocated approx. 48000 crore for setting up Active Pharmaceutical Industries (API) Complex and production Company
  - to reduce dependence from China.

## → Conclusion:

Govt supported many many industries and sector in various ways to in help to fight from external aggression and from pandemic