



## Price Monitoring and Resource Unit

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### Why in News

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Recently, the State Health Department informed that, on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority**, the formation of **Price Monitoring and Resource Unit** in Bihar has been approved by the cabinet.

### Key Points

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- It will be **constituted under the Directorate of Drugs Control to check black marketing of drugs** and arbitrary price recovery in the state.
- This unit to be formed at the state level will work **under the Health Department** on the lines of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**.
- Price control of medicines for cancer, diabetes, blood pressure, heart disease and kidney related diseases will be the main responsibility of this unit.
- Along with **ensuring quality and easy availability of medicines**, it will also be its duty **to generate awareness among consumers**.
- **Bihar will be the 16<sup>th</sup> state in the country to establish such a unit.** Earlier, states like **Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan** have also formed such units.