

Table 15(a): PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME - HISTORY, 1948-49 to 2012-13

| PRESCRIPTIONS | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| | GENERAL | PENSIONER | CONC | S/NET | TOTAL | Drs Bag | TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS |
| 1948/49 | 280,719 | | | | 280,719 | | 280,719 |
| 1949/50 | 484,210 | | | | 484,210 | | 484,210 |
| 1950/51 | 3,758,622 | | | | 3,758,622 | | 3,758,622 |
| 1951/52 | 6,515,668 | 1,655,570 | | | 8,171,238 | | 8,171,238 |
| 1952/53 | 6,853,937 | 2,766,947 | | | 9,620,884 | | 9,620,884 |
| 1953/54 | 7,004,421 | 3,453,551 | | | 10,457,972 | | 10,457,972 |
| 1954/55 | 9,201,387 | 4,418,633 | | | 13,620,020 | | 13,620,020 |
| 1955/56 | 8,970,890 | 5,235,013 | | | 14,205,903 | | 14,205,903 |
| 1956/57 | 9,045,439 | 5,580,946 | | | 14,626,385 | | 14,626,385 |
| 1957/58 | 10,309,446 | 6,313,214 | | | 16,622,660 | | 16,622,660 |
| 1958/59 | 13,253,168 | 6,821,578 | | | 20,074,746 | | 20,074,746 |
| 1959/60 | 16,624,342 | 8,028,968 | | | 24,653,310 | | 24,653,310 |
| 1960/61 | 20,489,065 | 10,727,570 | | | 31,216,635 | | 31,216,635 |
| 1961/62 | 26,050,370 | 11,664,036 | | | 37,714,406 | | 37,714,406 |
| 1962/63 | 29,517,810 | 12,674,230 | | | 42,192,040 | | 42,192,040 |
| 1963/64 | 31,039,624 | 13,317,273 | | | 44,356,897 | | 44,356,897 |
| 1964/65 | 33,714,429 | 13,841,372 | | | 47,555,801 | | 47,555,801 |
| 1965/66 | 35,084,551 | 14,908,393 | | | 49,992,944 | | 49,992,944 |
| 1966/67 | 36,750,907 | 16,936,435 | | | 53,687,342 | | 53,687,342 |
| 1967/68 | 37,053,212 | 18,369,634 | | | 55,422,846 | | 55,422,846 |
| 1968/69 | 40,453,366 | 19,954,471 | | | 60,407,837 | | 60,407,837 |
| 1969/70 | 44,071,198 | 21,504,166 | | | 65,575,364 | | 65,575,364 |
| 1970/71 | 48,971,406 | 22,515,117 | | | 71,486,523 | | 71,486,523 |
| 1971/72 | 48,491,692 | 23,950,503 | | | 72,442,195 | | 72,442,195 |
| 1972/73 | 49,115,497 | 25,560,576 | | | 74,676,073 | | 74,676,073 |
| 1973/74 | 59,499,823 | 27,788,036 | | | 87,287,859 | | 87,287,859 |
| 1974/75 | 67,350,637 | 30,323,662 | | | 97,674,299 | | 97,674,299 |
| 1975/76 | 67,722,534 | 33,394,757 | | | 101,117,291 | | 101,117,291 |
| 1976/77 | 56,099,277 | 33,606,128 | | | 89,705,405 | | 89,705,405 |
| 1977/78 | 57,751,904 | 35,414,619 | | | 93,166,523 | | 93,166,523 |

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| | GENERAL | | PENSIONER | CONC | S/NET | TOTAL | Drs Bag | TOTAL - ALL SCRIPTS | | |
| 1978/79 | 53,553,036 | | 39,409,489 | | | 92,962,525 | | 92,962,525 | | |
| 1979/80 | 46,624,224 | | 42,450,386 | | | 89,074,610 | | 89,074,610 | | |
| 1980/81 | 47,619,120 | | 46,778,057 | | | 94,397,177 | | 94,397,177 | | |
| 1981/82 | 53,834,648 | | 49,739,756 | | | 103,574,404 | | 103,574,404 | | |
| 1982/83 | 50,078,929 | | 52,529,929 | 2,931,462 | | 105,540,320 | | 105,540,320 | | |
| 1983/84 | 41,938,964 | | 56,491,285 | 9,954,995 | | 108,385,244 | | 108,385,244 | | |
| 1984/85 | 50,690,275 | | 60,069,806 | 10,068,817 | | 120,828,898 | | 120,828,898 | | |
| 1985/86 | 46,334,279 | | 63,191,858 | 10,315,799 | | 119,841,936 | | 119,841,936 | | |
| 1986/87 | 28,762,909 | | 64,243,148 | 9,755,680 | 2 | 102,761,737 | | 102,761,737 | | |
| 1987/88 | 12,339,360 | | 81,041,242 | 7,520,752 | 15,059,811 | 100,901,354 | | 100,901,354 | | |
| 1988/89 | 14,078,934 | | 78,283,599 | 8,223,231 | 11,925,271 | 100,585,764 | | 100,585,764 | | |
| 1989/90 | 15,361,517 | | 80,761,310 | 8,856,241 | 11,725,474 | 104,979,068 | | 104,979,068 | | |
| 1990/91 | 10,608,974 | | 36,868,817 | 36,588,405 | 11,675,164 | 95,741,360 | 558,899 | 96,300,259 | | |
| Notes | -Dr's Bag prior to 90/91 included in General, from 90/91 included in miscellaneous expenditure -For 90/91 Concessional includes 'old' (prior to 1/11/90) prescriptions and 'new' (post 1/11/90) concessional category | | | | | Safety Net Prior to 90/91 S/net for Gen & Concess is included in pensioner. In 90/91 free s/net is in both pensioner and s/net categories | | | | |
| PRESCRIPTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GENERAL | | | | CONCESSIONAL | | | TOTAL | Drs Bag | TOTAL- |
| | NSN | S/NET 1 | S/NET 2 | TOTAL | NSN | S/NET | TOTAL | SCRIPTS | | ALL SCRIPTS |
| 1991/92 | 8,266,835 | 2,340,145 | 1,092,314 | 11,699,294 | 67,331,793 | 14,428,608 | 81,760,401 | 93,459,695 | 660,459 | 94,120,154 |
| 1992/93 | 10,260,426 | 3,917,022 | 2,800,496 | 16,977,944 | 71,756,325 | 16,757,840 | 88,514,165 | 105,492,109 | 689,508 | 106,181,617 |
| 1993/94 | 11,451,148 | 4,259,245 | 3,087,943 | 18,798,336 | 77,536,126 | 18,003,354 | 95,539,480 | 114,337,816 | 704,227 | 115,042,043 |
| 1994/95 | 13,491,364 | 4,695,314 | 2,072 | 18,188,750 | 82,400,588 | 17,457,008 | 99,857,596 | 118,046,346 | 674,331 | 118,720,677 |
| 1995/96 | 14,212,731 | 5,488,957 | 52 | 19,701,740 | 85,604,215 | 18,898,907 | 104,503,122 | 124,204,862 | 683,420 | 124,888,282 |
| 1996/97 | 14,709,601 | 3,082,843 | 14 | 17,792,458 | 85,965,797 | 19,676,007 | 105,641,804 | 123,434,262 | 665,301 | 124,099,563 |
| 1997/98 | 14,087,393 | 3,945,591 | 17 | 18,033,001 | 86,389,807 | 20,060,505 | 106,450,312 | 124,483,313 | 628,496 | 125,111,809 |
| 1998/99 | 15,153,975 | 4,111,091 | | 19,265,066 | 88,475,327 | 20,608,073 | 109,083,400 | 128,348,466 | 572,753 | 128,921,219 |
| 1999/00 | 16,296,703 | 3,928,760 | | 20,225,463 | 94,281,872 | 23,078,282 | 117,360,154 | 137,585,617 | 496,306 | 138,081,923 |
| 2000/01 | 18,526,141 | 4,340,364 | | 22,866,505 | 99,285,160 | 25,420,114 | 124,705,274 | 147,571,779 | 478,999 | 148,050,778 |
| 2001/02 | 19,292,104 | 4,813,038 | | 24,105,142 | 102,018,211 | 28,406,603 | 130,424,814 | 154,529,956 | 448,283 | 154,978,239 |

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| | GENERAL | | | | CONCESSIONAL | | | TOTAL SCRIPTS | Drs Bag | TOTAL- ALL SCRIPTS |
| | NSN | S/NET 1 | S/NET 2 | TOTAL | NSN | S/NET | TOTAL | | | |
| 2002/03 | 20,694,131 | 5,188,492 | | 25,882,623 | 101,459,056 | 31,177,491 | 132,636,547 | 158,519,170 | 437,516 | 158,956,686 |
| 2003/04 | 22,443,338 | 5,544,618 | | 27,987,956 | 104,619,866 | 32,827,303 | 137,447,169 | 165,435,125 | 426,976 | 165,862,101 |
| 2004/05 | 22,194,451 | 6,209,302 | | 28,403,753 | 105,377,946 | 36,095,311 | 141,473,257 | 169,877,010 | 402,492 | 170,279,502 |
| 2005/06 | 20,917,523 | 5,910,828 | | 26,828,351 | 105,152,486 | 35,945,690 | 141,098,176 | 167,926,527 | 396,088 | 168,322,615 |
| 2006/07 | 19,871,669 | 4,710,422 | | 24,582,091 | 110,917,202 | 32,675,864 | 143,593,066 | 168,175,157 | 360,362 | 168,535,519 |
| 2007/08 | 19,607,454 | 4,553,340 | | 24,160,794 | 113,118,234 | 33,680,813 | 146,799,047 | 170,959,841 | 336,182 | 171,296,023 |
| 2008-09 | 20,746,777 | 5,580,636 | | 26,327,413 | 119,906,347 | 35,234,371 | 155,140,718 | 181,468,131 | 367,996 | 181,836,127 |
| 2009-10 | 21,226,750 | 4,763,435 | | 25,990,185 | 122,832,364 | 34,756,644 | 157,589,008 | 183,579,193 | 332,344 | 183,911,537 |
| 2010-11 | 21,032,398 | 4,943,233 | | 25,975,631 | 125,446,923 | 36,381,986 | 161,828,909 | 187,804,540 | 337,715 | 188,142,255 |
| 2011-12 | 21,239,413 | 4,820,643 | | 26,060,056 | 130,441,952 | 38,046,697 | 168,488,649 | 194,548,705 | 324,424 | 194,873,129 |
| 2012-13 | 19,323,589 | 4,371,046 | | 23,694,635 | 133,646,630 | 39,611,994 | 173,258,624 | 196,953,259 | 352,123 | 197,305,382 |

CONC: Concessional

S/NET: Safety Net

PENSIONER: Before 1 November 1990 pensioners received PBS drugs free of charge.

NSN: Non Safety Net

S/NET 1, S/NET 2: Between 1991 and 1993 there were 2 tiers in the general safety net. Some prescriptions supplied during this period were processed in 1994 or after and the two tier structure applied to these.