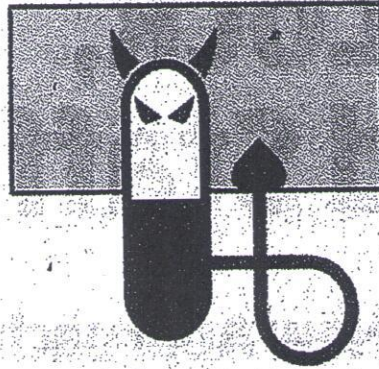


Review Drugs Decision: Patel to Jaitley



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NEW DELHI: Congress leader Ahmed Patel has protested against "the government decision to withdraw" customs duty and excise exemptions for 76 medicines and sought the immediate revocation of the decision. Given that vast number of these medicines come under the National Essential Medicines List, 2015, why has the government allowed their prices to rise, Patel asked FM Arun Jaitley in a letter, while pointing out that most of these were cancer, AIDS and haemophilia drugs. —OPB

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