

► **NPPA notices to pharma
cos over ₹2k cr recovery**

Drug price regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has sent notices to Ranbaxy Laboratories, Cipla, and Dr Reddy's Laboratories asking the companies to pay more than ₹2,000 crore for overpricing medicines. "The NPPA has raised a total demand of ₹2,000 crore from several pharmaceutical companies," a source said. "The majority of it is due against Cipla which has to pay over ₹1,300 crore." The authority has asked Cipla to pay ₹1,387 crore for overcharging on several drugs such as salbutamol prescribed for treatment of asthma and antibiotics such as cloxacillin and ciprofloxacin used to treat infections. Also, Ranbaxy has been asked to pay ₹105 crore for overcharging consumers.

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