

**Purchase of medicine by CGHS**

2255. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:  
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4718 on August 26, 1993 regarding purchase of medicines by CGHS and state:

(a) the criteria adopted for selection of chemists for the purpose;

(b) the total value of medicines supplied by these chemists to the CGHS dispensaries so far;

(c) the reasons for which the agreement for supply of medicines with the Super Bazar has been discontinued;

(d) whether the performance of these chemists have been found satisfactory and the patients got the medicines in time; and

(e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI .B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The local chemists were selected after floating local tenders subject to certain criteria like location, reliability and financial status.

(b) Rs. 36,42,61,106/- for the period April, 1991 to Nov., 93.

(c) The reasons are as under:—

(i) Unsatisfactory services being rendered by Super Bazar.

(ii) Inconvenience and hardships caused to the beneficiaries in getting reimbursement from Super Bazar.

(iii) Single place for supply of medicines to the CGHS beneficiaries.

(d) The services of the local chemists are by and large satisfactory.

(e) Does not arise.

**Indian Latex contraceptives**

2256. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) is not recommending the Indian Latex contraceptives to myriad users since they are not upto the international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had passed a directive last year to bring down the accepted quality level (AQL);

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to amend Schedule 'R' of the Indian Drugs and Cosmetics Act to implement more stringent AQL norms and plug holes in quality standards of condoms?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The World Health Organisation recommends the use of latex rubber contraceptives that are manufactured as per their or similar specifications, including quality control.