

Experts comments on ban of Oestrogen/Progestogen combination and steps to withdraw ban

4011. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that various experts have commented upon the ban of Oestrogen/Progestogen combination recently;

(b) if so, whether the Government will review its stand and consider to withdraw the ban;

(c) whether pending withdrawal, Government will consider to postpone Drug Controller's notification for banning for a period of one year to avoid suffering of patients using the drug, till an expert committee of medical scientists opines on it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). The decision to impose ban of Oestrogen/Progestogen combinations was taken by the Government in consultation with the Indian Council of Medical Research which after consulting eminent gynaecologists and endocrinologists and recommended ban on these drugs. There is, no proposal to review the decision of banning these preparations.

Ban on use of Oestrogen Progestogen

4012. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Drug Controller in his press statement which appeared in Hindustan Times dated 23 July, 1982 sug-

gested the use of Oestrogen/Progestogen for treatment; and

(b) if so, the reasons to ban this drug?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The Government are aware of the statement of the Drug Controller (India) which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 23rd July, 1982. On the basis of the expert advice from the Indian Council of Medical Research, the Government have taken a decision to ban the fixed dose combinations of Oestrogen and Progestational compounds in the country.

Research work at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Science, New Delhi

4013. SHRI NIREN GHOSH:
SHRI AJIT BAG:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi has been without a qualified pathologist which has resulted in a considerable set back in the research work at the centre; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard so that the research work is not hampered there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). One post of Associate Professor of Pathology has been created in Dr. R. P. Centre. The post has been advertised and is likely to be filled up shortly. The day-to-day work is being looked after by an Associate Professor of Microbiology and other Faculty members.