

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2361
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2003
DRUG SCAM
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that the medicines meant for the Government hospitals in Delhi are being sold in open market as reported in the `Punjab Kesari` dated June 13, 2003; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b): Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that information was received by the officers of Drugs Control Department, Delhi that one Mr.Pradeep Kumar Bhargava was dealing in drugs and surgical items without having requisite drug licence from the premises situated at 2186, 2nd Floor, Chah Indara Fountain, Delhi and is also indulging in the trading ofvarious items of drugs pilfered from various Government Institute. A joint raid was carried out by the officers of Drugs Control Department, Delhi along with the officers of Crime Branch, Delhi Police, at the premises of Pradeep Bhargava on 7.6.2003.

Drugs and Surgical items bearing markings of `Government Supply, Not for Sale` worth Rs.30 lakhs approximately, were seized by the Drugs Inspector, Government of Delhi, and non drug items worth Rs.50,000/- were seized by Delhi Police. A total number of 4 samples were collected for test/analysis by the Drugs Inspector. An FIR was registered against the said Pradeep Bhargava under Section 18/27 of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and IPC with P.S. Kotwali, New Delhi and investigation is in progress.

Whenever any drugs meant for Government supply are detected in the market, attempts are made to trace out the source to curb such incidents - the medical stores/procurement agencies are contacted and requested to find out the person responsible for the pilferage from the stores. It is the continuous endeavor of the Government for better management of stores and strengthening of Inventory Control Systems.