

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF A BANNED DRUG
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Indian Markets continue to be a dumping and sellingground for the manufacture of Nimesulide – a drug which has been banned in almost all countries; and

(b) If so, the action taken by the Drug Controller of India to confirm its reliability and reaction in children especially?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a): Nimesulide has not been banned in almost all countries. The use of Nimesulide is reported to have been suspended only in Spain, Turkey and Finland. Nimesulide, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), is reported to be used in about 50 countries including India and is indicated for acute pain/inflammation and fever. In India, the drug was approved in 1995, and it is a prescription drug.

(b): A detailed examination has been undertaken by an Expert Committee (Sub-Committee) of Drug Technical Advisory Board to deliberate on the issues concerning the safety of Nimesulide, including its use in children. More than 20 expert Paediatricians across the country and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) were consulted. Majority of experts have confirmed the reliability of Nimesulide and no serious adverse reaction in children have been reported in the country.