

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:318
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SUPPLY OF POOR QUALITY DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that poor quality drugs are being supplied to CGHS dispensaries by drugs manufacturers;
- (b) if so, whether there is any mechanism to check the quality of drugs supplied to them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of raids conducted in the last two years in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 318 FOR 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

Procurement of medicines for CGHS is done centrally through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Limited and Medical Stores Organisation for both Generic and proprietary items.

After placement of supply order by the designated agency, the suppliers are given a delivery schedule of 6-8 weeks to supply the drugs. The drugs are subjected to physical inspection, by drawing of sample from each batch and coding by a Joint Inspection Team. The sample of each batch is then sent immediately to two Government approved labs for analytical testing. If the report after analytical testing of each batch is satisfactory, only then the medicines are released to supply to CGHS dispensaries.

No complaint about poor quality of drugs supplied to CGHS by drug manufacturers has come to light recently.