

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

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REPORT ON SPURIOUS DRUGS IN INDIA

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

- (a) whether there has been five-fold increase in the counterfeit drugs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether European Commission has recently released figures of fake drugs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) There is no data available to indicate that there has been five fold increase in counterfeit drugs in the country.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) As per news item that appeared in the Times of India dated 14.06.2007, it mentions that as per the report of European Commission counterfeit drugs worth US dollars 2.7 million were seized in year 2006 against 5 lakhs a year ago.

The matter was taken up with European Commission and it was revealed that the figure was obtained from the European Commission Directorate General of Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) which published the 2006 statistics of counterfeit goods seized at EU Customs Borders. The report has included goods which infringe the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The details of allegedly counterfeit medicine were not made available by the European Commission.