

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

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BAN ON DRUGS

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

- (a) whether Drugs Controller General (India) has sought the recommendations of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) to ban the marketing of some medicines in the country which have been withdrawn/restricted in some foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the names of such medicines along with their manufacturing companies which are being examined by DTAB;
- (c) whether DCG(I) has also initiated/proposed investigation against anti-obesity drug Sibutramine following its ban in Europe;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken to ban the marketing of such medicines in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) Examination of the drug Sibutramine has been referred to an expert committee set up by the Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).