

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

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SUPPLY OF SPURIOUS DRUGS TO CGHS DISPENSARIES

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

- (a) whether the poor quality/spurious drugs are being supplied to CGHS dispensaries by drug manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details of the number of cases reported during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government against those found guilty in this regard; and
- (f) the mechanism established by the Government to check the quality of drugs supplied to CGHS dispensaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a): No.

(b) to (e): Question do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(f): Medical Stores Depot (MSD) and Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Ltd. (HSCC) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare procure medicines in bulk, from manufacturers/ authorised distributors, for supply to CGHS. The drugs are subjected to physical inspection, drawing of samples from each batch and coding by a Joint Inspection Team consisting of three members from the CGHS and MSD. A sample each is sent immediately to two Government approved laboratories for analytical testing. Only after receipt of satisfactory analytical quality report, are medicines ready for being supplied to the CGHS. The quality checking process usually takes a minimum of 30 days' time.