

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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SEIZURE OF CONSIGNMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some consignment of pharmaceuticals and drugs exported to Africa from China were seized and found labels of `made in India` pasted on them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the incidents of this kind will hamper the image of India in the world; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): During June, 2009, Government of India's attention was drawn to the press release issued by NAFDAC, Nigerian Government Drug Regulatory Authority, about detention and seizure of a large consignment of fake anti -malarial generic pharmaceuticals labelled "Made in India" but produced in China.

NAFDAC once again intercepted a large consignment of counterfeit medicines flown in from China in Nigeria in June 2010. The consignment was of 'Ciprotab', a product of an Indian company, which was counterfeited by a Chinese company.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A strong protest was lodged with concerned Chinese authorities with a request to take stringent action against such unscrupulous elements. Indian Missions abroad have been sensitized to be vigilant against such incidences.