

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

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent warning issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States of America (USA) on circulation of certain spurious and counterfeit drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive measures taken/ proposed by the Government to stop entry and use of such counterfeit version of drugs in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) had issued alert on its website about availability of counterfeit version of Avastin an Anticancer drug, in that country.
- (c): The import of the drugs in the country is regulated through the system of registration of the foreign manufacturer and import licenses granted for the purpose. The consignments of imported drugs are further checked at the time of import by the Port Officers to ensure that such counterfeit drugs are not imported into the country.