

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

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BAN ON DRUGS OF COLD AND PAIN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ban some popular drugs of cold and pain in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the manufacture, sale and advertisement of these drugs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) Concerns have been raised by parliamentarians and media about continued marketing of certain drug formulations like nimesulide, phenylpropanolamine etc. which have been withdrawn/restricted in some other countries. The matter is being examined by Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a statutory Board under Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Further action will be taken as per the recommendation of DTAB.