

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

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USE OF BANNED DRUGS

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

(a) whether concerns have been raised by W.H.O., Parliamentarians and Industry Experts on the adverse reactions and side effect of drugs like I-Pill, Unwanted 72, Placentrex lotion, Gel and Letrozole which are banned in some parts of the World but are widely used in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to ban the manufacturing, sale and advertisement of these drugs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Concerns have been raised by parliamentarians and media about marketing/ advertisement of emergency contraceptive pill and marketing of certain drug formulations like Letrozole, Placenta 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 which have been withdrawn/restricted in some other countries.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.