GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:232 ANSWERED ON:23.11.2012 MANUFACTURING AND MARKETING OF DRUGS Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

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

- (a) the number of Indian and foreign drug manufacturing companies registered in the country;
- (b) the quantum of drugs manufactured by these drug manufacturing companies during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether certain cases of manufacturing and marketing of drugs by the non-registered companies have come to the notice of the Government;

Answer

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

- (a) As per Directory of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Units in India 2007 maintained by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), there are 10563 pharmaceutical manufacturing units across the country. These include 8174 formulation manufacturing units and 2389 Bulk Drug manufacturing units.
- (b) The drugs are produced in different forms such as liquid, tablets, capsules, bulk drugs etc. There is no information regarding the quantum of drugs manufactured by these drug manufacturing companies.
- (c) to (e) The manufacturing of drugs by the non-registered companies is not permitted under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The manufacturing company requires a valid license to manufacture drugs.