

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

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QUALITY CHECKING OF MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether unnecessary delay is caused in the quality checking of the medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the average time taken in checking the utility and quality of the medicines; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the process of quality checking of medicines?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) There are no reports of unnecessary delays in checking the quality of medicines.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Time taken in testing a drug may vary from category to category of drugs, the nature of the tests required to be carried out on specific drugs and the load of samples being tested in the particular laboratory. Biological testing takes much longer time as compared to the chemical testing.
- (d) The drugs testing laboratories are refurbished by the Government from time to time to enhance their capacity as per the needs. Recently, assistance has been provided to strengthen and upgrade testing facilities in 23 States' and 6 Central drug testing laboratories through renovations, extensions and equipments.