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Title: Need to lift ban on the use of mercury, lead and other contents in the manufacture of Ayurvedic medicines in the country.

SHRI RUDRAMADHAB RAY (KANDHAMAL): The Government has recently banned use of mercury, lead and arsenic contents in all ayurvedic medicines being supplied by CGHS but these medicines are openly available in the market. The Government has also not suggested/recommended alternative medicines for the banned drugs. I would like to inform the Government that no Ayurvedic medicines can be manufactured without the use of mercury, lead and arsenic contents. All these contents are being used for the last 12,00 years.

I would request the Government to apprise the House if any study was conducted to find out the ill-effects of these contents in ayurvedic medicines. Government should promote use and manufacture of Ayurvedic medicines. These medicines are also less harmful than allopathic drugs.