

and decided to revoke the suspension on 23.04.2009 from all the sites except the inspected site. Further, the monitor and investigator of the inspected site also submitted details of corrective action taken by them, based on which the suspension from the inspected site was also revoked on 02.06.2009.

#### **Relaxation to OBC students for admission to MBBS**

2329. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:  
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

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

(a) whether Medical Council of India has prescribed 50 per cent of marks for General category candidates for qualifying examination as well as entrance examination, and 40 per cent of marks for candidates belonging to SC/ST categories for admission to MBBS course;

(b) whether for admission of SC and ST students in the All India quota reservation at the rate of 15 per cent and 7-1/2 per cent respectively has been introduced from the academic year 2008-09;

(c) whether on above pattern, any relaxation and quota have been provided for OBC students; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) The 15% reservation for SC and 7.5% reservation for ST is being implemented under 15% All India Quota from academic year 2007-08.

(c) and (d) The cut off marks for OBC candidates is 40 percent and 27% reservation has been provided under 15% All India Quota in the Central Medical Colleges from the academic year 2009-10 onwards.

#### **Patent of medicinal plants**

2330. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:  
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that we lost more than 15,000 patents of our medicinal plants to the West;

(b) if so, how many such patents were opposed during the last five years;

(c) the number where our claims were upheld; and

(d) whether the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library, containing documentation of over two lakh medical formulations will safeguard our interests in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In a study carried out in the year 2000 by the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)