

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There are only five dispensaries/units under CGHS, Delhi which offers treatment to CGHS beneficiaries under Unani system of medicine. In view of the fewer number of beneficiaries opting for treatment under Unani system of medicine, CGHS has designated only one chemist for supply of medicines on local purchase basis, which is done centrally and the medicines are supplied directly to the concerned dispensary/unit by the chemist. This takes a little longer, in some cases, than the time taken for receipt of allopathic medicines. The position is likely to improve after all Unani dispensaries/units are computerised and connected through network.

Augmenting of medical seats in the country

1282. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the number of seats in medical colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether this proposal would stop migration of students to other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) In order to increase the number of Post Graduate (PG) seats, the Central Government has revised the teacher student ratio from 1:1 to 1:2 to enable the medical colleges to increase seats in postgraduate medical courses. There is also an approved scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges by way of one time grant of Rs. 1350 crores with funding pattern of 75% by Central Government and 25% by State Government for starting new Post Graduate (PG) disciplines and increasing PG seats by central funding during Eleventh Plan.

- (c) No.

False scare on swine flu

1283. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of some reports in the Indian media that swine flu (H1N1) pandemic was a canard created by certain experts of the WHO advisory bodies with the objective of helping the sales of a certain drug of a pharmaceutical company;
- (b) whether any expert of Indian origin was associated with this conspiracy; and
- (c) what measures Government intends to take against the parties involved and in order to prevent a recurrence of such a scam?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Reports appeared in the media in January, 2010 about a resolution tabled by Dr. Wolfgang