

Withdrawal of diabetes drug

2039. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a controversial diabetes drug is being withdrawn;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) On the basis of reports in 2007 that rosiglitazone, a drug to treat diabetes, increases risk of heart attack, the matter was examined by National Pharmacovigilance Advisory Committee (NPAC) in January, 2008 which recommended incorporation of "Box warning" in the package inserted and other promotional literature of formulations containing rosiglitazone. Accordingly all State Drug Controllers were requested to direct manufacturers of rosiglitazone formulation to incorporate the box warning about cardiac risk.

Leprosy cases

2040. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has reported the maximum number of leprosy cases in 2008, according to a WHO report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and
- (c) the budgetary allocation made and spent in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per the latest report of WHO, in the year 2008, total 2,49,007 new cases reported globally, 1,34,184 were from India.

- (b) The number of leprosy cases reported in the XIth Five Year Plan is given below:

Year	No. of new leprosy cases
2007-08	1,37,685
2008-09	1,34,184
2009-10	1,04,503
(Upto Dec.2009)	

The State-wise details are given in the Statement-I (See below).

- (c) The funds released to States and expenditure reported are as follows:

Year	(Rs. in crores)	
	Released	Expenditure
2007-08	22.65	22.82
2008-09	37.32	29.44
2009-10 (Upto Dec, 09 / Jan.,2010)	24.81	16.70

The State-wise details are given in the Statement-II.