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7	12119029	Other leaves, powder, flurs & pods fresh/drd/ w/n cut crshd/pwdrd	14.93	12.25	15.49
8	13021916	Extracts, neem	12.32	11.79	10.19
9	12119013	Psyllium seed (isobgul)	6.06	4.72	7.72
10	30049012	Medicaments of unani system	0.65	0.92	4.98

Source: DGCI, Pharmexcil Research

Three year medical course for rural doctors

†2695. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to start a three year smaller course for MBBS to increase the availability of doctors in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether it would be appropriate to appoint doctors having three year MBBS course for rural population and doctors having five year MBBS course for urban population;

(c) the reasons for such a discrimination between poor rural population and urban population and playing with their lives and whether it is justified; and

(d) whether anatomy of poor rural people and urban people is different so that such a decision has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (d) The Central Government has received a proposal from Medical Council of India for introduction of short term medical course for rural areas, which is under examination.

Insufficient optometrists in the country

2696. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every third blind person in the world is an Indian and millions of others suffer from defective vision;

(b) whether a recent survey also shows that population to optometrist ratio in India is 2,00,000:1 as compared to 10,000:1 in developed nations;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.