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Chhattisgarh	961	969	975
Delhi	847	871	877
Gujarat	865	891	898
Haryana	837	843	847
Himachal Pradesh	872	831	938
Jammu & Kashmir	838	854	862
Jharkhand	888	927	922
Karnataka	917	926	935
Kerala	922	958	964
Madhya Pradesh	913	913	919
Maharashtra	879	871	884
Orissa	934	933	937
Punjab	808	837	836
Rajasthan	855	865	870
Tamil Nadu	955	944	936
Uttar Pradesh	874	881	877
West Bengal	931	936	941

Central Drug Authority

2689.SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for setting up a Central Drug Authority;
- (b) if so, the responsibilities defined for the Authority; and
- (c) the status of the proposal at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Yes. The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill 2007, introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st August 2007, contains provisions for *inter alia* creation of an autonomous drug regulatory authority, namely the Central Drugs Authority in place of the existing Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

(b) In the said bill, the Central Drugs Authority has *inter alia* been assigned the responsibilities of issuing, cancelling or suspending licences, recommending to the Central Government the standards for drugs and cosmetics and measures for regulating clinical trials, manufacture, sale, distribution import, export etc of drugs and cosmetics.

(c) The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill,* 2007 was examined by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare which gave its recommendations in its 30th Report on Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2007 on 21.10.2008.

Spending on healthcare sector

2690.SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is among the countries with lowest health parameters in the World;
- (b) if so, the position of India;
- (c) whether Government spending on health sector is inadequate to improve the situation;
- (d) the details of percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) investment in the health sector since 1990;
- (e) whether Government considers increasing the share of investment in this sector; and
- (f) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) According to Economic Survey 2009-10 brought out by Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, India fares poorly in most of the indicators in comparison with a number of developing countries like China and Sri Lanka. The table below gives data on select health parameters of India in comparison with various regions of the world:

Infant Mortality and total fertility Rate

Country/World/ Region	Infant Mortality (Total per 1000 live births (2009))	Total fertility Rate (2009)
India	53	2.68
World	46	2.54
More developed regions	6	1.64
Less developed Regions	51	2.70
Least developed countries	80	4.29

Source: UNFPA, State of World Population 2009.