

- (b) No specific data is maintained.
- (c) The Central Government has initiated the following measures to facilitate setting up of medical colleges to increase number of doctors/specialists in the country:
 - (1) Requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/bed strength, other infrastructure, etc. has been relaxed.
 - (2) Maximum intake capacity at MBBS level has been increased from 150 to 250.
 - (3) Maximum age for appointment of faculty has been enhanced from 65 to 70 years.
 - (4) DNB qualifications have been recognized for appointment to various faculty positions.
 - (5) Teacher - student ratio has been relaxed to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.
 - (6) The Central Government under the scheme of 'Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges' is providing financial support to State medical colleges to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or start new postgraduate medical courses.

Instructions to withdraw medicines with same brand name

1322. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Controller General of India has issued instructions to State Drug Controllers to withdraw three separate medicines used for different ailments with the same brand name;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of such medicines available in the market in various parts of the country; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Yes. The office of Drugs Controller General (India) had requested the State Drugs Controllers on 7.2.2011 to withdraw the permissions for the following different drug formulations with the same 'AZ' brand names under their jurisdiction:

- (i) Cetirizine, manufactured by M/s Sienna Formulations Pvt. Limited, Vadodara, Gujarat.
- (ii) Albendazole, manufactured by M/s Cure Quick Pharma, Karnal, Haryana.
- (iii) Azithromycin, manufactured by M/s Eugenics, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The formulations for which permissions have since been withdrawn as per information provided by State Licensing Authorities are:

- (i) Zocor Dry Syrup, Zocor Drops and Zocor-125 manufactured by M/s Per Pharmaceuticals, 272, Indl. Area, Phase-II, Panchkula.
- (ii) Neogest-50 and Neogest-100 manufactured by M/s Oscar Remedies Pvt. Ltd., Oscar House, Baddi, Majara, Yamuna Nagar.
- (iii) Metagesic Suspension and Metagesic Plus Syrup manufactured by M/s Amree Pharmaceuticals, 1/10, Shiv Colony, Kaithal Road, Karnal.
- (iv) AZ suspension (Albendazole Suspension) manufactured by M/s Cure Quick Pharmaceuticals, 20/3, HSIDC, Karnal.
- (v) AZ tablets manufactured by M/s R.H. Laboratories, Gondpur Indl. Area, Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, HP. (Marketed by M/s Cure Quick Pharma, Karnal, Haryana)
- (vi) AZ suspensions manufactured by M/s R.H. Laboratories, Gondpur Indl. Area, Ponta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, HP. (Marketed by M/s Cure Quick Pharma, Karnal, Haryana)
- (vii) Calcimax manufactured by M/s Alps Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. Almora (brand of M/s Meyer Organics Pvt. Ltd.)
- (viii) Col-Q manufactured by M/s G.S. Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. Roorkee (brand of M/s Blue Cross Laboratories)
- (ix) AZ Tablet - Cetirizine manufactured by M/s Sienna Formulations Pvt. Limited, Vadodara, Gujarat.

(c) State/Union Territory drug control authorities have been requested to remain vigilant while granting licenses for manufacture of drugs and withdraw permissions in cases of same brand names being used for different drugs.

Evaluation of senior doctors of Safdarjung hospital

1323. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has ever evaluated the performance of senior doctors of Safdarjung hospital;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to start their performance evaluation now and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of complaints received by Government during the last three years against the senior doctors and action taken on each complaint;