

#### **Availability of Unani Medicines in CGHS dispensaries**

228. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the CGHS beneficiaries are facing a lot of difficulties in Unani dispensaries in the matter of availability of medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this matter has repeatedly been raised in Parliament and serious steps have not been taken so far for finding a solution;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps to be taken to solve this problem once and for all?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There have been certain difficulties in assuring availability of medicines in CGHS Unani dispensaries in Delhi. However, the following steps have been taken to improve the situation in this regard.

- (1) Action has been initiated to streamline local purchase of medicines by means of appointment of regular authorized local chemists.
- (2) Steps have been taken to go in for bulk procurement of medicines through open tendering.
- (3) Supply of IMPCL medicines has been done to maintain stock for six months.

#### **Pulse Polio Immunization Programme**

229. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the results of Pulse Polio Immunization project, so far;
- (b) whether there is substantial decrease in the number of polio affected cases; and
- (c) the details of polio cases detected during last three years, State-wise, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c)  
 Only one Polio case has been detected in India in 2011. No Polio case has been reported for the last six months in the country.

There is substantial decrease in the number of Polio cases. In the year 2010, the number of reported Polio cases was 42 as against 741 in 2009.

The details of Polio cases in the last three years and the current year State-wise are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of Polio cases in the last three years and the current year. State-wise*

(As on 23rd July, 2011)

Sl No.	Name of the State/UTs	Wild Poliovirus Cases			
		2008	2009	2010	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	West Bengal	2	8	1	
2	Uttar Pradesh	305	602	10	
3	Bihar	233	117	9	
4	Jharkhand		2	8	
5	Maharashtra	2		5	
6	Haryana	2	4	1	
7	Jammu & Kashmir			1	
8	Delhi	5	4		
9	Punjab	2	4		
10	Uttarakhand	1	4		
11	Rajasthan	2	3		
12	Himachal Pradesh		1		
13	Orissa	2			

1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Andhra Pradesh	1			
15	Madhya Pradesh	1			
16	Assam	1			
TOTAL		559	741	42	1

#### Banning of Endosulfan

†230. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering about the need to impose a ban on sale of Endosulfan across the country after the Kerala Government's decision to ban it;

(b) whether harmful-effects have been noticed in people and children taking birth following its usage; and

(c) the details of drug companies in India which manufacture Endosulfan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) In the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 213 of 2011 in the case of Democratic Youth Federation of India vs. Union of India & Ors., the Hon. Supreme Court of India has passed an ad interim order on 13.05.2011 banning production, sale and use of Endosulfan in the country till further orders. Accordingly, the Central Government has issued instructions on 14.05.2011 to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to implement interim order of the Hon. Court, which are binding on all manufacturers.

(b) Pesticides including Endosulfan are toxic and are required to be used as per conditions approved by the Registration Committee constituted under section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968. Health problems have, however, been reported in Kasargod district of Kerala and recently by the State Government in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka, allegedly due to aerial spraying of Endosulfan in cashew plantation.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.