

Circulation of prohibited generic drugs

3630. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

- (a) whether certain generic drugs banned by the US Food and Drug Administration are still in circulation/use in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to put a ban on the use of such drugs which have severe side-effects and have been banned in foreign countries; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) to (d) Safety issues of drug formulations as and when is reported in the International journals, WHO Newsletters or when a drug formulation is reported to have been banned / withdrawn in some countries like USA, UK are assessed in consultation with the Expert Committee/ Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a statutory Board under Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee / DTAB, the Central Government prohibits manufacture, sale and distribution of such drugs in the country.

Certain drugs Sibutramme, Phenylpropanolamine, Cisapride, gatifloxacin, tegaserod and rosiglitazone reported to be restricted / withdrawn in USA have been prohibited for manufacture, distribution and sale in the country during the last one year.

Cases of adulteration of food items in Delhi

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SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

- (a) the number of complaints received by Government regarding adulteration in food items in Delhi during the last one year;
- (b) the number of samples of food items taken by Government from Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.