

(b) the number of people against whom action has so far been taken; and

(c) the efforts made by Government so far to curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has arrested CGHS officials for investigation on the charges of selling of stolen CGHS medicines in the open market in the last three years as indicated below :—

2009 — Shri Revati Prasad Sharma, Pharmacist/Storekeeper, Vivek Vihar dispensary and Shri Mithun Tyagi, Computer Operator, Yamuna Vihar Wellness Centre.

2010 — Nil.

2011 — The following five officials of CGHS dispensaries at Nanakpura/Tilak Nagar : S/Shri Attar. Singh Mastwal, Pharmacist/Storekeeper, Ravinder Kumar, Pharmacist, Krishan Kumar Pharmacist, Sunil Kumar, Pharmacist and Bachcha Singh, Dresser.

While the service of Shir Mithun Tyagi have been terminated, services of all other officials have been suspended. Their cases are subjudice at present.

(c) Measures like frequent surprise inspection of medicine stocks by Senior Officers, 100% physical verification of stocks in a year by an external team, sensitization of CMOs in-charge of wellness Centres about continuous vigilance and thorough checking of CGHS plastic cards lying undistributed have been initiated.

Incentives for working in rural areas

1023. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced extra marks in the post graduate entrance exam for those willing to go to rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any feed back for this plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Central Government, in consultation with Medical Council of India, made the following amendments to its Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas:—

(i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

- (ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year of service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.

Policy for manufacturing generic drugs

1024. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a policy for manufacture of generic drugs in the country; and
(b) what are the restrictions put in place for multinational companies to manufacture drugs in India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The policy of the Government is generally to promote use of generic drugs in the country.

(b) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder do not distinguish between a multinational or an Indian company for the purpose of grant of manufacturing license. The applicant, is, however, required to comply with the conditions of license and follow Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) to ensure that the drugs manufactured by them are of standard quality.

Abnormal increase in vaccine-related deaths

1025. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the vaccine related deaths have shown an abnormal increase since the year 2008 in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is also a fact that three major public sector undertakings at Coonoor, Chennai and Kasauli, manufacturing vaccines have been closed since January, 2008 and the vaccines have been procured from private sector since then;
(d) if so, whether the reported deaths are attributed to the vaccines procured from the private sector; and
(e) if not, what are the reasons for such increase in deaths since 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) The reported number of cases of death of children due to Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) have shown an increase since 2008. Year-wise details are under:—