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United Kingdom	3	5	5	—	—
Japan	4	2	3	—	—
San Marino	1	1	2	—	—

Source: World Health Statistics 2011, WHO

Aspirin's effect on humans

1033. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that even after 100 years of use, doctors across the world have no clue on how aspirin, which is an effective drug to save heart attack and stroke, exactly works;
- (b) whether some study is being planned world over for trials to unravel how aspirin pill works;
- (c) whether India will soon be a part of the trail that is looking to better understand aspirin's effect on body and optimal dosing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Aspirin is used for its antiplatelet activity in the initial treatment of cardiovascular disorders such as angina pectoris and myocardial infarction and for the prevention of cardiovascular events in patients at risk. However, the exact mechanism by which aspirin acts in such cases is not clear.

- (b) The Government has no information about any such study.
- (c) and (d) Do not arise.

New national list of essential drugs

1034. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is finalizing the new national list of essential drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has also deleted some drugs from the existing list of essential drugs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time-frame fixed for completion of the new list of essential medicines?