

- (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:—