

(b) whether any special consideration has been given to the North Eastern States particularly Nagaland; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) As per information, there is no Programme entitled 'Nutrition Delivery Programme to check malnutrition'.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Task Force on fake drugs

2264. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a 12 member committee Task Force headed by the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to tackle the problems of spurious and fake drugs openly available and being sold in medical stores;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted any initial/final report to Government;

(c) if so, the recommendations thereof and, if not, when it is expected;

(d) whether it is a fact that approximately 5.6 per cent of drugs in the country do not adhere to standard quality; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A 16 Member Task Force has been set up by the Government under the Chairmanship of the Director General, ICMR and co-Chairmanship of Director General, Directorate General Health Services for formulating a long term policy and strategy for strengthening of drug sector in the country. The Task Force has constituted sub-groups to go into various aspects including the specific issue of spurious and adulterated drugs. The Task Force has been asked to expedite its report.

(a) and (e) As per a countrywide survey conducted by the Government in 2009 to assess the extent of spurious drugs in the country, out of 24,136 samples collected for analysis, only 0.046% samples were found spurious.

High caffeine content in carbonated beverages sold in the country

†2265. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.