Control of rampant use of antibiotics

- 94. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that rampant use of antibiotics lead to health hazards;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the Ministry is planning to contain the extensive use of antibiotics in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce a warning tag on antibiotics as has been done in the US?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indiscriminate use of antibiotics may lead to increased microbial resistance leading to health hazards.

(b) and (c) Drugs and Cosmetic Rules are proposed to be amended to introduce a new Schedule containing antibiotics and certain anti TB drugs and habit forming drugs to ensure that the label of these drugs contains a warning in a conspicuous place that it is dangerous to take such drugs except in accordance with medical advice, apart from the fact that such drugs continued to be prescription drugs.

Increase in children deaths in hospitals

- 95. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the deaths of children in hospitals increased in the country during the last two years; and
 - (b) if so, the details of the child deaths in hospitals, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain data on number of death of children in hospitals across the country, as health is a State subject. However, the infant mortality rate in the country has shown steady decline from 53 per 1000 live births (SRS 2008) to 47 per 1000 live births (SRS 2010).

State-wise details of IMR and estimated number of infant deaths in last 3 years is given in the Statement.

Statement
Estimated number of infant deaths in last 3 years, State-wise

States/UTs	IMR			Estimated infant deaths		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
India	53	50	47	1383297	1305915	1257028
Andaman and Nicobar	31	27	25	235	205	148
Andhra Pradesh	52	49	46	78816	74586	69714
Arunachal Pradesh	32	32	31	836	818	879
Assam	64	61	58	45024	42920	41941
Bihar	5 6	52	48	151536	140829	140012