Development of diabetic shoes by AHMS Doctors

†265. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that doctors of AIIMS, Delhi have developed shoes for diabetic patients; and
 - (b) if so, by when it is targeted to be made available to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

SMS facility for accessing information on medicines

266. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch Short Message Service (SMS) facility by which patients can get information about affordable alternative to the medicine prescribed by the doctors;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the facility;
 - (c) the time by which the facility is likely to be launched;
- (d) whether consultation with doctors is necessary for the patients before popping the affordable alternative medicine under the said facility; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There is no such proposal with the Government.

Creation of separate central drug controller of Ayush

267. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to setup a separate Central Drug Controller

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