

any information about black marketing of drugs. However, the State Drugs Controllers are empowered under the Drugs and Cosmetics, Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder for initiating action against such unauthorized activities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Missing of Rights Perspective in Draft National Health Policy, 2015**

143. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact rights perspective is missing from the draft National Health Policy, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether public health system needs to be made accountable and participatory and that the 2015 draft does not talk about community action;

(d) if so, the response of Government thereon; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) No. The Draft National Health Policy 2015 addresses the subject of legal framework for health care and the right to health and has highlighted the need for discussions as to whether health can be made a fundamental right along the lines of right to education and whether the country has reached the level of economic and health system development to make health as a justiciable right. The Ministry has placed the draft National Health Policy in public domain for wider stakeholder consultations and has invited suggestion, comments and feedback from stakeholders.

(c) to (e) The draft National Health Policy 2015 stresses the need for accountability in public health system as well as in the private health care industry. The Policy has also laid emphasis on community participation in the health care sector and health programmes. It underlines the importance of involving community based organizations and representatives in decision-making in hospital development societies and district bodies. The draft National Health Policy, 2015 has been uploaded/placed on public domain on 30th December, 2014 for eliciting feedback comments and suggestions from the stakeholders.