

(b) Ministry is not considering to ban doctors and medical students from wearing white coats.

**Delay in supply of indented Unani medicines in CGHS**

2493. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that undue delay is taking place in supply of indented/local purchase medicines by CGHS Unani Centres, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken to remove the deficiencies and correct the system?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) It has been reported that at times there is some delay in procurement of indented/local purchase of Unani medicines due to following reasons:

- (i) Indents are submitted manually through Unani Medical Store Depot in Delhi.
- (ii) There is only one Authorized Local Chemist for supply of indented Unani Medicines in Delhi and NCR.
- (iii) There are no Authorized Local Chemists for Supply of Unani medicines in Lucknow and Hyderabad. Additional Directors procure indented medicines locally.
- (iv) Local Chemist at times face difficulty in procuring the indented medicines thereby delaying the whole process.

(b) Following steps have been taken to remove the deficiencies and correct the system:

- (i) The process of recruitment of Unani pharmacists has already been initiated to enable the indents to be placed online to the Authorized Local Chemist in Delhi and NCR.
- (iii) Changes have been made in the terms and conditions of the tender document for Authorized Local Chemists in order to attract more participants.

**Aid for trauma patients at AIIMS, Delhi**

2494. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per study conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences

(AIIMS), Delhi, poverty kills 50 per cent of patients, admitted of head injuries at Trauma Centre after their release for lack of funds for continuing such a treatment in their places, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is proposed to develop some medical system, where such poor patient can get treatment to help recover from this illness, to ensure survival of breadwinners in the families, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) No such study has been conducted in Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (JPNATC), AIIMS, New Delhi.

(b) A system for helping poor patients is in place at JPNATC, AIIMS, New Delhi which is in accordance with the various schemes of the Government like Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, etc. Further, under the programme namely Capacity Building for Trauma Care Facilities in Government hospitals, the existing emergency care facilities are strengthened with a view to provide immediate care to trauma victims.

#### **Violation of safety norms by Maggi noodles**

2495. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maggi noodles violated the safety norms;

(b) whether test showed presence of lead and high levels of monosodium glutamate;

(c) if so, the details of action taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government would bring other brands under its scanner in the interest of the health of the children and others in the country; and

(e) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) As per reports received from the States/UTs, samples of Nestlé's Maggi noodles have been found to be containing more than the permissible limit of 2.5 ppm of lead. The samples have also been found to be violating the labelling requirements as far as presence of Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) is concerned. Based on the test results reported from different States, confirming presence of Lead beyond permissible limit, an order dated 05.06.2015 was issued by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) directing M/s Nestle India Ltd. to recall its Maggi Noodles. FSSAI had also issued another advisory to all States/UTs to draw samples of noodles and other similar products manufactured and marketed by other companies.