

Instances of contravention of rules for approving new drugs

2536. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions/guidelines laid down by Government with regard to approval of new drugs and grant of licences for import, manufacture and sale of drugs in the country;

(b) the mechanism put in place by Government to ensure the compliance of these provisions/guidelines in the country;

(c) whether instances of approval to certain new drugs by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation/Drugs Controller General of India in contravention of the prescribed rules have been reported in the country; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken/ proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder contain provisions for regulation of manufacture, sale, distribution and import of drugs in the country. The import of drugs into the country is regulated by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) at the central level while manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs is regulated by the State Licensing Authorities, in terms of the provisions of the said Rules. Rule 122A, 122B, 122D, 122E and Schedule Y of the aforesaid Act and Rules specifically contain provisions for regulation of manufacture/import of new drugs in the country. For issuing licenses for manufacture, sale and distribution of new drugs, State Licensing Authorities require prior permission from the CDSCO.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Shortage of doctors and equipments at AIIMS, Delhi

†2537. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors and test equipments in comparison to the number of patients in AIIMS, Delhi if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the pressure of patients on AIIMS has come down after AIIMS in Bihar came into operation, if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) by when the doctors as well as the test equipments are likely to be provided as per the ratio of number of patients in AIIMS, Delhi and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) There is no shortage of faculty/doctors, diagnostic/therapeutic machines and equipments in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Besides faculty members, resident doctors of the Institute are also engaged in patient care.

(b) After opening of AIIMS in Bihar, there is no perceptible change in the pressure of patients in AIIMS, New Delhi.

(c) Recruitment of faculty/doctors and purchase of equipment is a continuous and ongoing process.

Setting up of Research and Telemedicine Centre at Keylong, HP

2538. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) proposes to set up its Research and Telemedicine Centre at Keylong in Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal Pradesh, if so, the aim and objectives of the Centre;

(b) the time by when the Research and Telemedicine Centre would be set up; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government for setting up the Research and Telemedicine Centre at Keylong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) proposes to establish a Field Station of National Institute for Research in Tribal Health (NIRTH), Jabalpur at Keylong in tribal dominated Lahaul and Spiti areas of Himachal Pradesh.

The aims and objectives of this centre are as follows:

1. To assess the burden of disease and identify the leading causes of morbidity, mortality and disability among the tribal population
2. To facilitate use of this information for planning and implementing district health services to promote access to proper medical care
3. To act as nodal centre for implementing telemedicine services under the Government of India project
4. To ascertain the major social, cultural and environmental determinants of health that drive ill-health and the seasonal variations in health problems