

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Present methodology of procuring and supplying the Unani medicines to CGHS dispensaries is as under:

- (i) Unani medicines manufactured by Indian Medicine Pharmaceuticals Corporation Limited (IMPCL) (A Government of India enterprise) are procured directly at the rates fixed by Cost and Accounts division of Ministry of Finance.
- (ii) The medicines which are not manufactured by IMPCL are procured through open tender.
- (iii) Medicines, which are: not available at the Wellness Centre or medicines which are outside the formulary, are procured through Authorized Local Chemists.

(b) and (c) There is no large scale shortage of availability of Unani medicines at CGHS Wellness Centres.

Following steps have been taken to ensure regular supply/availability of Unani medicines:

- (i) Unani Medicines, which are not available at the Wellness Centre in Delhi and NCR or medicines which are outside the formulary, are procured through Authorized Local Chemists.
- (ii) In other cities, no Authorized Local Chemists are appointed and in case the medicines are not available at the Wellness Centre, Additional Director (AD) of the concerned city procures them locally.
- (iii) Beneficiaries are also permitted to purchase the non-available medicines from open market and claim reimbursement.

Enforcement of Tobacco Packaging and Labelling Rules, 2008

1070. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended the Packaging and Labelling Rules 2008, to enforce the changes relating to warning messages on tobacco products, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the changes made with regard to warning messages;

(c) whether Government has received any representation to reduce the warning message to 50 per cent from 86 per cent terming it as too harsh, if so, the details thereof;

- (d) the recommendations made by the Parliamentary Committee in this regard; and
- (e) the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notified the new health warnings through the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules *vide* G.S.R-727 dated 15th October 2014. As per the new Rules, pictorial health warnings shall occupy at least eighty five percent (85%) of the principal display area of the package (85% includes 60% of pictorial health warning and 25% of textual health warning).

(c) Government has received representations both for and against the new Rules on pictorial health warning on tobacco products.

(d) The report, along with the recommendations, of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Sixteenth Lok Sabha; 2015-16; Eleventh Report) on "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules, 2014", presented on 15th March 2016, is available on the Lok Sabha website at the following link:

http://164.100.47.134/lsscommittee/Subordinate%20Legislation/16_Subordinate_Legislation_11.pdf

- (e) In this regard, no decision has been taken so far by the Government.

New TB diagnostic machines

1071. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the national programme on tuberculosis will benefit from the introduction of over 500 Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test machines, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of treatment under the national programme on tuberculosis has to be even over the public and private sectors; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that we need new tools for diagnostics and new research for eradication of tuberculosis?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Yes, The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) will benefit from introduction of additional 500 Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) machines.