

(c) if not-whether Government is seriously considering to make up for the shortage of inspectors so as to check corruption occurring in such a sensitive matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (c) The current strength of the drug regulatory personnel in the country is not sufficient to meet the requirement of ensuring quality, safety and efficacy of medical products. Keeping this in view, the Government has approved a scheme for strengthening the drug regulatory structures both in the Centre and in the States at a cost of ₹ 1750 crore. This includes provision of manpower, upgradation of existing laboratory infrastructure, establishment of new laboratories and provision of Information Technology services. In order to bring highest degree of transparency and objectivity in the organisation's function, an organization wide electronic portal 'SUGAM' has been operationalized in CDSCO

#### **Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scholarships**

2225. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) scholarships for the last academic year have been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students who received scholarships and total amount sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. For the academic year 2015-16, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) has sanctioned scholarships to 48,000 girl students, studying in Class XI, amounting to ₹57.60 crore under Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious girls belonging to minorities. Out of this, 45,700 students have already received the first installment of scholarship.

#### **Hunar Haats in Odisha**

2226. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Hunar Haats have been organised for the minorities so far;

(b) what is the idea behind Hunar Haats; and