

Statement-II

Details of testing of herbicide "Glyphosate" in pulses as per data received from 6 locations where FSSAI is present (covering 21 points of entry) for the time period 12.10.2018 to 10.12.2018.

Port Name	Total Consignments of Pulses	Number of Consignments tested for Glyphosate in Pulses	Test Results of Glyphosate	Remarks
Delhi	Nil	Nil	-	-
Mumbai	171	150	Glyphosate tested found below Maximum Residue Level (MRL)	No Consignment rejected.
Chennai	626	529	Glyphosate tested found below Maximum Level (MRL)	No Consignment rejected.
Cochin	Nil	Nil	-	-
Tuticorin	94	94	Glyphosate tested found below Maximum Residue Level (MRL)	No Consignment rejected.
Kolkata	108	75	Glyphosate tested found below Maximum Residue Level (MRL)	No Consignment rejected.

Cases of diphtheria in Delhi

900. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Diphtheria cases detected/reported in the various hospitals in Delhi during the last six months;
- (b) the number of deaths caused by the disease during the same period; and
- (c) the steps which have been taken by Government to prevent this dangerous disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) 37 cases of Diphtheria have been reported under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the last six months in Delhi.

(b) Out of 37 cases of Diphtheria reported 11 deaths have been reported during the same period from Delhi.

(c) To prevent morbidity and mortality due to diphtheria disease. Government provides vaccine against diphtheria under Universal Immunization Program to the children below the age of 1 year as part of primary series and two boosters at the age of 16-24 months and 5 years. Teams were sent to the areas from where numbers of cases were reported in Delhi hospitals recently to identify the pockets of unimmunized/partially immunized children thus assisting State/District machinery in supplementary immunization activities to prevent further cases. Government of India has also advised the Delhi Government to stock adequate quantities of Anti-Diphtheritic Serum for appropriate case management of diphtheria and to prevent mortality.

Initiatives to encourage use of generic medicines

901. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to encourage the use, supply and distribution of generic medicines in our country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor for mentioning the percentage of people or patients taking generic medicines, in comparison to the other medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) Yes. In order to promote the use of generic drugs and make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices, "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushaahi Pariyojana" (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India in the country. At present, 4571 PMBJP Kendras are functional in 35 States/UTs of the country. To achieve the objectives of the scheme, the following initiatives have been taken:—

(i) The product basket of the scheme has been expanded to cover more than 800 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables covering all major therapeutic groups.