

- More than 40 labs strengthened for AMR surveillance in the country under NCDC and ICMR AMR surveillance.
- Annual AMR surveillance data for 2017 uploaded on GLASS.
- Hospital Infection Control guidelines: Interim guidelines on infection control uploaded on NCDC website. National Infection control guidelines are being finalized.
- Healthcare care associated infections (HAI) surveillance network developed. It includes 28 Institutions (including 4 Institutions from NCDC) AMR surveillance network included for training on HAI surveillance.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a national initiative on 15th of May, 2015 to promote cleanliness and enhance the quality of public health facilities to create a healthy environment under "KAYAKALP". Swachhta guidelines for health facilities along with this initiative have also been issued.
- National Treatment Guidelines: Guidelines for antimicrobial use in infectious diseases have been developed (Released by HFM in February 2016) and uploaded on NCDC website (www.ncdc.nic.in). Hard Copies of Guidelines have been disseminated widely.
- Regulatory strengthening: Since March 2014 a separate Schedule H-I has been incorporated in Drug and Cosmetic rules to regulate the sale of antimicrobials in the country. About 24 antimicrobials belonging to 3rd, 4th Generation Cephalosporin and Carbapenem, cannot be sold without a proper medical prescription. Pharmacist has to maintain a separate register by the giving details of the prescriber, the patient and the drug sold.
- Antibiotic consumption studies have been initiated by the National AMR surveillance network sites.
- Kerala has developed state action plan for containment of AMR and state of Madhya Pradesh has also initiated the process of development of State action plan.

Banning the use of antibiotic Colistin

225. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set permissible limits for antibiotics use in chicken, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these limits have been effective in curbing the misuse of antibiotics in poultry industry;

(c) whether the use of the antibiotic colistin, in the meat and poultry industry in India is linked to antibiotic resistance in humans, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has considered banning the use of the antibiotic colistin, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes. The permissible limits for antibiotics and veterinary drugs in chicken are specified in sub-regulation 2.3.2 of Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues); Regulations, 2011 and amendments thereof. This sub-regulation also covers the list of antibiotics and veterinary drugs which are not permitted to be used at any stage of processing of meat and meat products, poultry and eggs and sea foods. These regulations are available at the link: <https://www.fssai.gov.in/home/fss-legislation/fss-regulations.html>.

(b) The permissible limits form the basis for undertaking effective enforcement action by the States/UTs against misuse of antibiotics in poultry industry.

(c) and (d) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has specified the Tolerance Limit of colistin on meat and poultry in the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations and amendments thereof.

Transparency in admission to medical colleges

†226. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to bring more transparency in admission process in Joint Medical Entrance Examination and to ban the rule of charging capitation fee by the private universities in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that illegal admissions have taken place ignoring National Eligibility and Entrance Examination; and

(c) if so, the number of such private and Government Medical colleges and the efforts made by Government to stop this?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.