

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2021**

EMPANELMENT OF SUPPLIERS OF GENERIC MEDICINES

1852. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has issued guidelines for empanelment of suppliers of generic medicines, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the checks and balances that exist in the absence of guidelines, for ensuring that spurious medicines do not enter CGHS and other Government medicine supply chain in the name of generic medicines?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) and (b) Medical Store Organisation (MSO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare procures medicines including generic medicines from the manufacturers registered with them and supplies the medicines to CGHS and other registered indenters such as Central/ State Government hospitals, dispensaries etc. The registration of manufacturing units of the manufacturers/ suppliers is done as per the procedure laid down in the "Procurement and Operational Manual for Medical Store Organisation and Government Medical Store Depots". Before registering the firms, MSO obtains a report from the licensing authority with regard to standing and performance of the manufacturing unit, availability of necessary facilities to carry out necessary tests for the drugs, past history about cancellation of license or conviction of the firm etc. and decides on their registration.

MSO ensures physical inspection and analytical testing of coded samples of each and every batch from two different approved testing laboratories selected randomly by the computer software before acceptance for supply to CGHS and other indentors. In case of failure of drugs in laboratory test, deregistration/debarment action is taken as per terms and conditions of supply.
