

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1386
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2003
BANNED DRUGS AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the side effects of globally prohibited drug Metoclopramide sold under the brand name of Perinorm and Reglan as reported in The Indian Express dated June 2,2003;
- (b) if so , the details thereof ;
- (c) whether Paracetamol and Disprin also adversely affect the body;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to ban the production and sale of these medicines in the country; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI. A. RAJA)

- (a) & (b): The drug Metoclopramide is not a globally prohibited drug. It is included in the official Pharmacopoeias of USA and UK and is permitted to be sold in many countries apart from these two countries.
- (c): Paracetamol and Disprin have analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties and like any other drug are associated with certain known side effects which are mostly reversible.
- (d) & (e): There is no proposal to ban these drugs as these are being used all-over the world for the management of pain, fever and inflammation.