

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SPURIOUS DRUGS
B.K. PARTHASARATHI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacture and distribution of spurious drugs is increasing at an alarming pace and already account for over one fourth of the pharma business;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to check the menace?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) and (b): As per the feedback available from the State Drugs Control Administrations, 36947, 38824 and 36314 samples were tested during the period 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, out of which 112,96 and 125 samples respectively were found spurious which is 0.3, 0.25 and 0.34% of the tested samples.