

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2855  
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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of sale of fake medicines in the market as reported in `Hindustan Times` dated july 4, 2004;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken thereon;
- (d) whether medicines are not available at affordable prices;
- (e) whether there is also nexus between drug companies, NPPA and selling agents; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken to get the matter investigated?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) & (c): In the news item titled `Azamgarh: Where docs have a piece of drug firms` pie` published in the the Hindustan Times, New Delhi edition dated the 4th July, 2004, no complaint about any specific fake drugs had been reported.
- (d): The Drug Policy as amended from time to time is directed towards ensuring abundant availability of quality medicines at reasonable prices to the common man.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise in view of reply to part (e), as above.