

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

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POPULARISING INDIAN AYURVEDIC DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether china is manufacturing and marketing more Ayurvedic drugs than India;
- (b) if so, comparative details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for increase in import of Chinese Ayurvedic drugs in India; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the use of Indian Ayurvedic medicines?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) As per information available with the Government of India, China does not manufacture and market Ayurvedic drugs.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) The Deptt is holding Arogya Exhibitions to popularize the use of Indian Ayurvedic Medicine in different parts of the country. The state Governments are also being funded for creating AYUSH facilities in allopathic hospitals besides supply of essential drugs to remote and backward area dispensaries. The Department is funding non-governmental organizations also for propagating Indian System of Medicine within the country under its IEC Scheme. The financial assistance is being provided to drug manufacturers also for participating in international exhibitions and fairs abroad.