

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

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SPURIOUS DRUGS IN CGHS DISPENSARIES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the cases regarding supply of spurious drugs in CGHS dispensaries;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so, the number of cases reported; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the firms and the employees found guilty in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): CGHS gets pre-tested drugs from its suppliers. The CGHS Medical Store Depot(MSD) randomly picks up drug samples or when complaints are received and sends them for testing. If the test report is not satisfactory, the drug is declared substandard and the CGHS MSD suspends the use of the substandard drug and informs the supplying agency and the Drugs Controller General (India) for taking appropriate action. During the current year, out of 66 samples tested 5 have been declared substandard.

The Zonal Officers of CDSCO draw samples randomly from the CGHS dispensaries from time to time to validate the quality of drugs and forward them to the testing labs for the purpose of test/analysis.

As per the feedback given by the Zonal Officers of CDSCO for the period 2003-2004, 241 samples were taken for test-analysis out of which 100 samples were declared to be of standard quality, 7 samples were declared to be not of standard quality where as only one sample, which does not pertain to the CGHS, was declared to be spurious by the Govt. analyst. On receipt of the report from the Govt. analyst, CDSCO, North Zone have initiated necessary mandatory action as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules there under. The results of analysis of the remaining 133 samples out of 241 samples have not been received from the different Central testing laboratories.