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Title: Need to formulate regulatory guidelines for effective use of Carbetocin.

SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN (NORTH CENTRAL MUMBAI): The World Health Organisation in its latest study published in the New England Journal of Medicine recommended a new formulation of a lifesaving drug called Carbetocin in preventing postpartum haemorrhage thereby proving to be as safe and effective as oxytocin. Carbetocin does not require refrigeration and retains its efficacy for at least 3 years stored at 30 degrees Celsius and 75% relative humidity. Oxytocin must be stored and transported at 2—8 degree Celsius. This is critical as out of 37,387 Indian health sub-centres, 24% do not have electricity. India accounts for 17% of global burden of maternal deaths.

Hence, keeping in mind the objective of the substantive reduction of Maternal Mortality Ratio in India and Goal 3 of Sustainable Development Goals to meet the target of reducing global MMR to less than 70 per 100,000 live births, I request the Government to formulate regulatory guidelines in collaboration with state governments for effective administering of carbetocin.