

**Spurious Drugs**

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YADAV:  
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marketing of spurious drugs is increasing day by day'

(b) whether Government conduct any inquiry from time to time to ensure that such spurious drugs are not sold in the market;

(c) if so, the number of persons identified selling spurious drugs during last six months and the action taken against them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The State Governments are responsible for exercising control over manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs in the country through their State Drug Control Organisations. Central and State Drugs Inspectors periodically draw samples from the market and get them tested at Government Laboratories. Whenever any informa-

tion about manufacturing of sale of spurious drug is received, raids are conducted and further action is taken to un-earth the spurious drug rackets and launch prosecution against the offenders.

This Ministry has not received any information regarding sale of spurious drugs during the last six months.

[English]

**Universal Immunisation**

10087. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the universal immunisation programme in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to educate women, particularly illiterate poor, about the implications of non-immunised children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) At the initiation of the Universal Immunization Programme in 1985-86, Vaccine coverage levels ranged between 29% for BCG to 41% for DPT. By the end of 1989-90, the coverage levels have registered significant improvement. The table below gives coverage levels for individual vaccines.:

<i>Antigen</i>	<i>Estimated Coverage Levels</i>		
	1985-86	1988-89	1989-90 (*)
1	2	3	4
DPT	41.12%	79.16%	82.82
OPV	35.66%	74.83%	82.30