

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2021**

IMPACT OF ANTIBIOTICS GIVEN TO ANIMALS ON PEOPLE'S HEALTH

2676. SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) whether the dosage of medicines like antibiotics given to animals in case of falling ill is fixed;
- (b) whether there is possibility of any side effects on people's health upon eating the meat of animals who were treated with such medicines; and
- (c) if so, the efforts being made to avoid giving such medicines to animals which cause side effects on the health of non-vegetarian people?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a): Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has informed that there is no fixed dosage of medicines like antibiotics given to animals in case of their falling ill. It depends on the type of disease, the severity of disease, species of animals, route of administration etc.

(b & c): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has informed that it has prescribed minimum quality and safety standards for various food products under various Regulations notified under Food Safety and Standards Act.

To control antibiotics and veterinary drugs in food, FSSAI has prescribed Maximum Residue Limits for antibiotics and veterinary drugs in animal food products such as meat, milk, egg, chicken under Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. Further, certain antibiotics and veterinary drugs have been banned and cannot be used at any processing stage of animal origin food.

Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 and Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 prescribe that 'date of manufacture or packaging' and 'Expiry/Use by' shall be declared on the label for packaged food including non-veg. food.

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