

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND DECEMBER, 2025**

OPERATIONALIZATION OF SHRESTH

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

- (a) whether Government has operationalised the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) developed by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to assess and enhance the performance of State and Union-Territory drug regulatory authorities;
- (b) the current implementation status of the Index, along with funds allocated and utilized for its rollout;
- (c) the parameters and indicators being adopted for performance evaluation under SHRESTH;
- (d) whether any deficiencies or capacity gaps have been identified during the initial phase and the corrective measures being undertaken; and
- (e) the manner in which the SHRESTH Index is expected to improve drug quality assurance, regulatory transparency, and public-health safety across the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e): The State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) has been operationalized and was launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 12th August, 2025. States submit the data on predefined metrics to Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) which is collected by 25th of every month; scored and shared with all States/UTs. At present, no dedicated funds have been allocated or utilized specifically for the rollout of the Index.

SHRESTH Index is a virtual gap assessment tool designed to assist States/UTs to assess their current regulatory status. It provides a structured framework for evaluating key regulatory functions such as inspections, licensing, & product testing and encourage improved compliance and timely regulatory action through periodic scoring and benchmarking.
