

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,  
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4854  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**IMPACT ON AYURVEDIC MEDICINES STORED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS**

**4854. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study has been conducted on the impact of storing ayurvedic medicines in plastic containers;
- (b) if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make it compulsory for producers of Ayurvedic medicines to use glass bottles/ containers for packaging of various medicines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

- (a) & (b): No study has been conducted on the impact of using plastic containers for keeping Ayurvedic medicines. However, Rule 161-B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 has been substituted for mentioning shelf life or date of expiry of medicine.
- (c): No such proposal has been mooted by the Government.
- (d): Does not arise.

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