

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4950
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2016**

CENTRALIZED ONLINE SYSTEM OF MEDICINES

4950. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch a centralised online system of medicines to deliver medicines effectively in a regulated and feasible manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act , if so, the objects and reasons thereof; and
- (d) whether online pharmacies are not allowed to function at present and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a): No such decision has been taken by the Government.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 is a pre-independence era legislation and does not cover all contemporary issues adequately. It is, therefore, necessary to either bring a new legislation or amend the existing law.
- (d): Online pharmacies that do not meet the requirements of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 as amended from time to time, are not permitted to sell or dispense medicines.