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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1770 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2017

PROCUREMENT OF GENERIC MEDICINE

1770. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the possibility of nexus between doctors and pharmaceutical companies being a reason for slow purchase of generic medicines in Central Government hospitals and CGHS as these companies bribe the doctors with foreign trips, expensive gifts to prevent them from prescribing these medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reaction of the Government in this regard and the details of such instances during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the action taken by the Government against such anti-national activities; and
- (d) the outcome thereof?

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

(a) to (d): As far as three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals and CGHS doctors are concerned, no such case of nexus has been reported.

Instructions have been issued to all the Central Health Institutions to prescribe generic medicines.