

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4325
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017**

IMPORT OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS

4325. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the huge quantity of essential drugs are being imported from various countries;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating any action plan to minimise such import and manufacture such essential drugs in the country with minimum cost;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): No, the country is self – sufficient in the manufacture of formulations, including those of essential drugs. However, whenever the imports are being made because of economics consideration, therapeutic equivalents are available.

(c) to (e): Does not arise.