

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017**

ANIMAL BASED GELATINE COATING

219. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

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

- (a) whether a proposal to replace animal based gelatine with plant cellulose for coating of capsules is under consideration of the Government, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the proposal has been cleared by the Drug Regulator and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also consulted Scientific Committee in this regard and if so, the details of their recommendations; and
- (d) whether all safety measures will be ensured by the Government before a final decision is taken and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE**

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d): A Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. C. K. Kokate, Vice-Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum, Karnataka was constituted to examine all pertinent issues relating to use of gelatin capsules and its replacement by cellulose based capsules and to make recommendations to the Government. After detailed deliberations, the Committee has submitted its report to the Government on 23.11.2017.