

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4044
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2018**

NATIONAL MEDICINE BANK

4044. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning/proposing to establish National Medicine Bank across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the number of Pharma Companies involved initially under this Bank across the country;
- (d) whether the Government is planning/proposing to include Pharma Companies under Corporate Social Responsibility *via* this Bank; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be established?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (e): The Drugs Technical Advisory Board, in its 79th meeting held on 16.05.2018, deliberated the issue and agreed for a provision for Pharmaceutical companies, on the basis of their turnover, to spend at least one per cent of their net profit for providing free medicines in medicine bank to be used by the Central Government during health emergencies, disaster or any other circumstances considered necessary by the Central Government, as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the company, on voluntary basis.