

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4102
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2018**

QUALITY OF MEDICINES

**4102. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

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

- (a) the percentage of poor quality medicines being sold in the market;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to look into the quality aspects of medicines being distributed in the Government hospitals and dispensaries;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve quality of medicines in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per information received from States/UTs, during the year 2017-18, the percentage of drug samples declared as 'not of standard quality' was 3.36 and the percentage of drug samples declared as spurious/ adulterated was 0.28. Such data, based on the information received from Zonal/sub-Zonal offices of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), for the same year was 5.37% and 0.028% respectively.

(b) & (c): A nation-wide survey (2014-16) was conducted to assess the extent of Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)/Spurious drugs. Out of a total 47012 drug samples drawn from both Governments and private sources, the percentage of 'Not of standard quality' drugs was 3.16 and that of spurious/adulterated drugs was 0.0245. Out of the total samples, the number of samples drawn from Government sources was 8369 and the percentage of 'Not of standard quality' and spurious/adulterated drugs was 10.02 and 0.0597 respectively.

(d): The Government is committed to ensuring that the quality, safety and efficacy of drugs are not compromised. With this in view, the Government has taken a series of measures including increase in regulatory and laboratory manpower, strengthening legal provisions, workshops and training programmes for manufacturers and regulatory officials and measures such as risk based inspections.