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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1887 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018

IMPORT OF MEDICINES WITHDRAWN FROM MARKET

1887. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether there have been media reports that the medicines withdrawn from the market abroad are imported and distributed by pharmaceutical companies in India; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the concrete steps taken to check such imports?

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

- (a): Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not received any such reports that the medicines withdrawn from the market abroad are imported and distributed by pharmaceutical companies in India.
- (b): Does not arise.

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