

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4410
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th January, 2019

Survey on NSQ

4410. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a survey for Spurious and Non-Standard Quality Drugs (NSQ);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the agencies or organizations involved in this survey;
- (d) the total expenditure incurred for the survey against the budgetary provision made; and
- (e) the details of the outcome of the survey?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS;
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, 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 estimated percentage of NSQ and spurious drugs was found to be 3.16% and 0.0245% respectively.

(c): The survey was undertaken by National Institute of Biologicals (NIB). The details of the agencies or organizations involved in this survey are as follow:

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi
2. National Institute of Biologicals (NIB), NOIDA
3. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
4. State Drugs Controllers
5. Partnership for Safe Medicines – India (PSM-India), New Delhi
6. Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), New Delhi
7. National Institutes of Medical Statistics – Indian Council of Medical Research/ National Sample Survey Office (NIMMS-ICMR/NSSO), New Delhi
8. Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata, Indian Statistical Institute Hyderabad
9. Central/State Govt. Drugs Testing Labs
10. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad

(d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had approved this survey in the country at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.5 Crore. Expenditure incurred was Rs. 7.06 Crore.

(e): The estimated percentage of NSQ and spurious drugs in the nation-wide survey was found to be 3.16% and 0.0245% respectively. In the survey report, various recommendations for the role and responsibility of the various Stakeholders in addressing the problems of Spurious and NSQ Drugs in the country have been made.

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