

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JUNE, 2019**

COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

1304. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether India is one of the biggest fake and counterfeit drugs market in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the fake drugs sold during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the implications of the fake and counterfeit drugs on public health; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to combat this issue?

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

- (a): No. There is no such data with the Ministry.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Drugs not conforming to prescribed standards may not be effective and may be harmful, posing health risks.
- (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 strengthening of legal provisions, workshops and training programmes for manufacturers and regulatory officials and measures such as risk based inspections.