

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2021**

REGULATIONS ON E-PHARMACIES IN INDIA

2925. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to regulate the e-pharmacies in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;;
- (b) Whether the Government has any timeline by which the rules for regulation of e-pharmacies would be notified, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Whether there are any estimates on business / number and size of transactions on e-pharmacies in India and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): In order to regulate the online sale of medicines comprehensively, the Government published draft rules vide G.S.R. 817 (E) dated 28th August 2018 for inviting comments from public/stakeholders for amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 for incorporating provisions relating to regulation of sale and distribution of drugs through e-pharmacy.

The draft rules contain provisions for registration of e-pharmacy, periodic inspection of e-pharmacy, procedure for distribution or sale of drugs through e-pharmacy, prohibition of advertisement of drugs through e-pharmacy, complaint redressal mechanism, monitoring of e-pharmacy, etc.