

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3150  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**ILLEGAL MANUFACTURING OF OPIOID TABLETS**

**3150. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Opioid tablets are being produced by many Pharma companies illegally in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of cases that have been reported in last three years for illegal manufacturing and marketing of Opioid Tramadol tablets across the country;
- (c) whether North India is one of the hubs for manufacturing Opioid and many raids have been conducted and recovery made there; and
- (d) if so, the action taken along with the details of all the seizures made in this regard during the last three years?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): The manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs in the country is regulated under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945 thereunder through a system of licensing and inspection. Licenses for manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs are granted by the State Licensing Authorities (SLAs) appointed by respective State Governments. SLAs are legally empowered to take stringent action against violation of provisions of the Act and Rules.

As informed by Narcotics Control Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs, the details of the Opioid Tramadol seizure cases during the last three years by the Central and State Drug Law enforcement agencies attached as **annexure**.

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**Annexure****Details of seizure of Drug 'Tramadol'**

S.No.	Year	Total number of cases	Total quantity seized		
			In Kgs	Tablets in No.	Inj. in No.
1.	2018	54	32,774.464	12,84,32,120	245
2.	2019	54	14.411	25,75,873	3,48,508
3.	2020	63	242.45	81,01,192	450