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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3382 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2021

BANNING OF DICLOFENAC FOR VETS

3382: DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA: SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI: DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL: SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has banned or is taking steps to ban Diclofenac for vets as it has been cited as the cause for depletion of vulture population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c): Central Government has already prohibited the manufacture, sale and distribution of diclofenac and its formulations for animal use as per the Gazette notification vide GSR No. 499 (E) dated 4th July, 2008.
