

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4414
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2016**

CONSUMPTION OF ANTIBIOTICS

4414. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of harm caused by irrational consumption of antibiotics;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the effectiveness of these antibiotics to treat bacterial infections;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to regulate irrational consumption of these antibiotics?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): Indiscriminate use of antibiotics adversely affects human health and also gives rise to anti-microbial resistance which renders the medicine ineffective for treatment of indications for which it had been approved.

(b) & (c): Antibiotics are approved by the Drug Controller General of India after proper evaluation of clinical and pharmaceutical data regarding their quality, safety and efficacy.

(d): To regulate irrational consumption of antibiotics, the Government amended the Drug and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 in 2013 to incorporate a new Schedule H1 containing 46 drugs. The Drugs falling under Schedule H1 are required to be labeled with a warning and can be sold only on the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner.

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