

CHINA MAJOR SUPPLIER OF BULK DRUGS IN 2009-10



India imported drugs worth ₹17,953 crore in 2009-10 and China was a major supplier of bulk drugs, Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. "The Government has decided to send drugs control officials for inspection of overseas drugs manufacturing sites, wherever considered necessary, to assess and confirm compliance of good manufacturing practices and other quality parameters," he said during Question Hour. Azad said directives have been issued to Government hospitals to prescribe generic drugs along with branded drugs. Replying to another question, he said Infant Mortality Rate in the country is 50 per 1,000 live births which translates to deaths of 13 lakh children before they complete one year of age.

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