

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1016  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**MULTI DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS (MDR-TB)**

**1016. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Linezolid, Clofazimine and CycloErine, the three important medicines used for treating Multi Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) have runout of stock in the State of Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the State of Kerala is yet to receive these MDR-TB drugs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Central TB Division has to supply all TB drugs and there should be a buffer stock for three months at the State level and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that in the past one year, there have been interruptions in TB drug supply in the State and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that the Central TB Division has been issuing permissions for local purchases of certain drugs, but mostly at the last minute and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) There has not been a stockout of Linezolid, Clofazimine and CycloErine in the State of Kerala. The stock status of these drugs, in the State of Kerala, is as under:

<b>Item Name</b>	<b>Unit of Measurement</b>	<b>State Stock</b>
Linezolid 600mg	Tab	27,681
Clofazimine 100mg	Cap	48,128
Clofazimine 50mg	Cap	18,460
CycloErine 250mg	Cap	1,00,979

(Source: Ni-kshay Aushadhi as on 02nd December 2023).

(c) Anti-TB drugs are centrally supplied under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) and as per the norms, 3 months of buffer at State and district level is required and 2 months of buffer stock is required at the sub-district facility levels.

(d) and (e) there has been regular supply of Anti-TB drugs to the State of Kerala from the central level under the NTEP throughout the year. States have been provisioned with resources for local procurement for limited quantities as and when required to meet the emergent requirements.

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