

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `CGHS dispensary remains without medicines stocks` appearing in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated January 24, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken for smooth functioning of CGHS dispensaries all over the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d):The commonly used CGHS formulary medicines for day to day care are generally available in the dispensaries.However, if any medicine prescribed by the Specialist is not available in the dispensary, the same is procured against the individual prescription from the authorised local chemist and supplies to the beneficiaries. In emergency cases, authority slip is issued to the beneficiaries for collecting the medicines directly from the authorised local chemist without payment. If the indented medicines are also not supplied by the authorised local chemist, the beneficiaries are advised to purchase the same from any chemist and get the expenditure reimbursed from the authorised local chemist.

All the medicines supplied to the beneficiaries are pretested. Due to shortage of CGHS Specialists, it is not possible to depute a specialist to the CGHS dispensary at Shakurbasti and such facilities are available at Dr. RML Hospital.