

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3514
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DISPENSARIES UNDER P & T OFFICE JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of dispensaries functioning under the Jabalpur Posts and Telegraph Department and the places where these are located;
- (b) the amount provided for the said dispensaries for purchasing medicines and other materials ever year and the amount provided to them during the last three years;
- (c) the amount spent each year during the said period along with the material on which it was spent;
- (d) whether the Government have received complaints of irregularities in the purchase of medicines;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the government in this regard;
- (f) whether the strength of medical and para medical staff deployed there far less than the sanctioned staff strength in this regard; (g) if so, the details thereof, category-wise; and (h) the time by which the vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) There are three P & T dispensaries at Jabalpur & their locations are : Disp. No.- I- Telecomfactory Compound, Wright Town, Jabalpur. Disp. No. -II CTO compound, Near High Court, Jabalpur, Disp. No. III-TTC compound, Ridge Road, Jabalpur.

(b) Total Budget provision for these dispensaries for the period was:

(Rs. In lakhs)

97-98 98-99 99-00

Disp. No.I	27.28	20.55	44.51
Disp. No.II	21.09	15.89	28.03
Disp. No.III	9.46	7.13	10.11

(c) Amount spent on medicines during the period:

(Rs. In lakhs)

97-98 98-99 99-00

Disp. No.I	32.16	28.78	44.51
Disp. No.II	22.60	15.88	23.03
Disp. No.III	7.44	6.36	5.04

(upto 15.12.99)

Expenditure on other materials for all the dispensaries at Jabalpur: (Rs. In lakhs)

97-98	98-99	99-00
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1.03	1.14	1.14
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(d) Yes, complaints against a local chemist were received regarding frequent stoppages of day to day supply of medicines to the patients and excess billing.

(e) amount of excess billing has been adjusted from the subsequent bills which were pending at that time.

(f) & (g) There is some shortage in the cadre of medical & para-medical staff as indicated below:

Disp-No. I Vacant Sanctioned strength

Pharmacist	2	3
Lab. Tech.	1	2
Staff Nurse	1	1

Disp. No. II

Medical Officer	1	Post made but has not yet joined.
Staff Nurse	1	1
Nursing Orderly	1	1

Disp. No. III

Medical Officer	1	2
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(h) Action for recruitment of paramedical staff is underway. As regard Medical Officer, vacancy can be filled when Ministry of Health & Family Welfare allots Medical Officer.