

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

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MEDICINES PURCHASED BY MEDICAL STORES DEPOT MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medicines purchased by Medical Stores Depot, Mumbai have been used before their expiry date during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of those medicines which have been used/unused during the above period alongwith the reasons, in case, for non-utilisation;
- (c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for such purchases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) All the medicines purchased by Government Medical Stores Depot, Mumbai, during the last three years have been used before expiry date of those medicines except one medicine.
- (b) The details of unused time-expired medicines are given below:-

Name of Medicin	Unused Quantity	Value (Rs.)
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1. Amoxicillin (Suspension)	643 bottles	6018.00
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(Non-utilisation of the above mentioned medicine was mainly due to decline in demand).

(c)&(d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(e) The following measures have been taken to minimise time expired medicines:-

a) Prohibiting stock building of proprietary drugs. b) Stock building is allowed only for fast moving Generic Drugs for a period of two to three months.