

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medicines available in the various CGHS dispensaries as per required quantity and the criteria laid down for the same;
- (b) whether only 30 to 40 percent medicines are available in these dispensaries and the remaining medicines are provided to the beneficiaries after two or three days through local purchase;
- (c) whether the Government propose to keep cent percent stock of medicines listed in formulary list in dispensaries and allow the beneficiaries to purchase non-formulary medicines from the local market on the same day and reimburse the amount to them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Availability of medicines varies from city to city. However, in the city of Delhi, 86 commonly used formulary medicines for day-to-day care of the patients are available to meet the requirements of the CGHS dispensaries. If any medicine is not available in the dispensary and prescribed by the specialist, the same is procured from authorised local chemist against the individual prescription and supplied to the beneficiaries within 2-3 days. In case the medicine is urgently required, the beneficiaries are authorised to collect the same against emergent authority slip from the authorised local chemist on the same day.

(c) to (e) : Efforts are made to maximise availability of medicines by procuring the same from the Medical Stores Organisation. However, there is no proposal to allow the beneficiaries to purchase any non-formulary medicines directly from the local chemist at present.