

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICINE STORES IN HOSPITAL/DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medicine stores in the Railway hospitals/ centres/dispensaries are managed by qualified pharmacists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of the medicine stores in the hospitals /dispensaries / centres are not being managed by the pharmacists in the North Eastern Railways;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the medicine store in the Kathgodam Railway hospital in North Eastern Railway is managed by a pharmacist; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) In all Railway Hospitals/Dispensaries except few rare exceptions, there is a post of pharmacist who looks after the medicine store.
- (c) No, Sir. Except one railway dispensary, at Kathgodam, all Railway Hospitals and Railway dispensaries of North Eastern Railway have a pharmacist who manages the medical store.
- (d) Only Railway dispensary / Kathgodam, North Eastern Railway does not have the post of a pharmacist. The post of pharmacist has been surrendered about 5 years back.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) The medicine store in Railway dispensary Kathgodam, North Eastern Railway is not managed by a pharmacist as the post of a pharmacist does not exist. It is being managed by a nurse.