

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether medicines for critical diseases are not available in adequate quantity in all the Central Government hospitals of the country;
- (b) whether the patients have to purchase these costly medicines from the open market;
- (c) if so, the total amount made available to these hospitals for the purchase of medicines and diagnostic tests; and
- (d) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to bring these medicines within the reach of poor patients?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d) Adequate quantity of life saving medicines are available in Central Government hospitals in Delhi. There is also a provision of imprest money kept with the Medical Superintendent of the hospitals for local purchase in case of non-avail ability of any essential medicine. The details of budget allocation under the head 'Supplied & Material' which includes the expenditure on medicine and disposable diagnostics tests are as under:-  
(Rupees in thousand)

Name of Institute	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 R.E.	2006-07 B.E
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SJ. Hospital	205671	197435	195000
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Dr. RMLH	107852	99240	119200
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LHMC	69427	71590	71590
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