

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

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NON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN PHCS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the maximum Primary Health Centres are out of medicine stock age or the medicines used age not available under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country including the State of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure the availability and supply of medicines to these Health Centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): No, under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM] funds are released to all State/UT Governments for upgradation of their primary health care infrastructure including ensuring availability of medicines at Sub Centres[SCs], Primary Health Centres[PHCs], Community Health Centres[CHCs] etc. The State/UT Governments incorporate their requirement of funds including for procurement of medicines, in their annual Programme Implementation Plans which are examined in this Ministry. Funds are released to State/ UT Governments as per the recommendations of National Programme Coordination Committee[NPCC]. Health being the 'State' subject, public health facilities and associated matters i.e. day to day administration including availability of medicines etc. are administrative control of concerned State/UT Governments.