

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

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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES UNDER CGHS  
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahab

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the chemists supplying medicines under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) have gone on strike during the last three years till date and there is a shortage of medicines in dispensaries;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the chemists supplying medicine under (CGHS) do not go on frequent strikes?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The last time authorised chemists refused to supply medicines indented on them by the CGHS was during the period 29.10.2007 to 02.11.2007 in Thiruvananthapuram. Thereafter no instance of local authorised chemists refusing to supply medicines has come to light.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The current systems is functioning smoothly.