

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

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

(a) whether Government has issued directions to all Government hospitals/institutions to give generic names of drugs alongwith the brand name on all prescriptions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued instructions to all the Central Government Hospitals and Autonomous Institutions under the Ministry to prescribe good quality generic drugs/medicines. It has also been instructed that whenever any branded drug/medicine is prescribed by the Central Government Hospital/autonomous Institutions, it shall invariably indicate any other equivalent generic drug/medicine.