

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

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PATENT FREE MEDICINE FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to manufacture patent-free medicines for contagious diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of institutions entrusted with the job; and
- (d) the time by which the said medicines are likely to be available in the market?

Answer

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

- (a) The Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that there is no proposal to manufacture patent- free medicines for contagious diseases in the Pharma Public Sector Undertaking Units (PSUs).
- (b)to (d): Do not arise.