

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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COST OF MEDICINES USED FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any estimation for the cost of medicines used for Rural Health care;
- (b) if so, the details of percentage of cost of medicines attributed to rural health care; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government for ensuring availability of quality medicines at affordable prices for all?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Health Mission, the expenditure on the procurement of drugs, vaccines, contraceptives, equipments etc. for supply to all States and UTs for the year 2009-10 is given below:

Name of programme	Expenditure (in Rs. Crores)
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(i) Routine Immunization 363.02

(ii) Pulse Polio Immunization 624.07

(iii) Reproductive & Child Health 260.99

(iv) Vector Borne Diseases 205.93

(v) Tuberculosis Control 54.81

(vi) Family Welfare 208.14

(c) Government procures drugs, devices and vaccines etc. with generic names and the procurement is carried out as per approved technical specification, including packaging, quality assurance requirement and qualification criteria of products and suppliers. In order to ensure wider participation, procurement process involves International Competitive Bidding/National Competitive Bidding so as to ensure quality measures at affordable prices.