

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5082
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MEDICINES AT CHEAPER RATE
Singh Shri Ganesh

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

- (a) whether the Government provides medicine to poor people at cheaper rates in view of the direction of the Supreme Court;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): At present, prices of medicines/drugs are controlled as per the provisions of Drugs Price Control Order, 1995. Cheap medicines are provided through the Jan Oushadhi Stores.