

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

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SUPPLY OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supply immunosuppressive drugs free of cost to poor patients undergoing transplantation of organs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to reimburse the cost of drugs to such patients; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Health is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the States/UTs to provide health facility to poor patients in their respective states. However, Patients from Below Poverty line families can seek financial assistance from the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (A Centrally sponsored scheme) for immunosuppressive drugs.