

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1474  
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CHEMISTS ON STRIKE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the chemists supplying drugs under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) go on strike frequently during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) if so, the number of time these chemists went on strike;
- (c) the main reasons for proceeding on frequent strikes by them;
- (d) the impact of such strikes on the beneficiaries covered under the CGHS; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to check this practice?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): There was no instance of any local authorized chemist refusing to supply medicines to CGHS beneficiaries during the last three years.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.