

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

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PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to streamline the process of procurement of drugs and medical equipment by the Government hospitals and stop their illegal trading in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has recently issued licenses for trading of certain drugs and equipment in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred on the import of medical equipment during the last one year and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of the dye used for colour X-ray of galbladder in the market; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken/ proposed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) In so far as Central Government Hospital in Delhi, namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals are concerned, the medicine/drugs are procured through Government Medical Stores Depot (MSD) according to formulary and through Open Tender rate enquiry process for the drugs which are not supplied by MSD. Medical equipments, in the above mentioned hospitals are procured as per the instruction contained in GFR, 2005, guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, Ministry of finance and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare from time to time.

(b) & (c) The details of the import licence for the import of drugs and notified medical devices granted by the Drug Controller General (India), under the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules, 1945 are as under:

Year	Drugs	Medical Devices
2010-11	2782	697
2001 (Up to 25th August)	703	322

(d) & (e): Dye for colour X-ray of gallbladder is no longer used in Safdarjung & Dr.RML Hospital as better means of diagnosis are available. In LHMC, adequate amount of dye is available in the stores.