

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

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AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES

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

- (a) the details of medicines included in the National List of Essential Medicine (NLEM) by the Government;
- (b) whether there is shortage/unavailability of these medicines in Government hospitals in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure their adequate availability in hospitals; and
- (e) the quantum of medicines supplied to various States and criteria adopted for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) The National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2011 consists of 348 medicines belonging to 27 therapeutic categories such as antineoplastic, anti- cancer, immunologieal, anti infective Cardiovascular, ophthalmological preparations, Diuretics, anti-allergic etc. The entire list running in 123 pages is uploaded on the website of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) at [www.cdsc.nic.in](http://www.cdsc.nic.in).
- (b) No.
- (c)&(d) Do not arise,
- (e) Necessary details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.