

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITIES IN POLYCLINICS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared a pilot project to address the delay in payment to empanelled hospitals and efforts are on to increase the supply of medicines to the polyclinics so that ex-Servicemen need not have to make frequent visits; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Government has approved a pilot project for online electronic bill processing at five stations, i.e. Delhi, Chandigarh, Pune, Secunderabad and Trivandrum. This will ensure prompt payment to hospitals. In order to ensure that medicines are available on demand at the polyclinics the Government is exploring various measures including outsourcing of pharmacy services to reputed pharmacy companies. This measure is expected to greatly enhance clientele satisfaction as 90% patients are treated and given medicines at the Polyclinics.