

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

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PURCHASE OF MEDICINES IN HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his Ministry has taken note that the patients at Government hospitals are forced to purchase medicines from the market as the hospitals are not supplied with adequate medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the number of such cases reported in the country including Karnataka during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the supply of adequate medicines to patients in hospitals?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c): Health being a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as the Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital and Dr. RML Hospital are concerned, all life saving & essential medicines are provided to the indoor patients and have adequate stock of medicines as per hospitals formulary. In case it is not available in the store, provisions have been made to procure the medicines from local chemist on the receipt of justification from the department about the essentiality of the medicine in patient care. All essential medicines are distributed to OPD patient free of cost as per hospitals formulary.