

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

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AVAILABILITY OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS

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

(a) whether there is acute shortage of medicines/life saving drugs in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries in various States including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure availability such medicines readily in dispensaries?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No.

(c): Central Procurement of generic and branded medicines is done through Medical Stores Organization (MSO) and Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC). In addition, 272 Commonly prescribed medicines are procured directly from the manufacturers / suppliers under the rate contract. Indents for these medicines are placed online by CGHS Wellness Centres on the basis of monthly consumption pattern and the medicines are supplied directly at CGHS Wellness Centers. The stock position of the medicines is monitored at various levels to ensure availability of medicines.

In case of non-formulary medicines prescribed by Specialists, they are procured from Authorized Local Chemists. In case of emergency, there is provision for issue of medicines on same day by the Authorized Local Chemist against "by hand authority slip".