

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

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to make it compulsory for the Government hospitals to purchase medicines from the Government owned Pharmaceutical Companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Medical Stores Organisation of Directorate General of Health Services, which centrally process medicines for hospitals & dispensaries purchases 102 drugs (if indented by the user agency) from identified Central Public Sector Enterprises as per the Purchase Preference Policy of the Government of India.