

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

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

- (a) whether 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 cases reported in the country including Karnataka during the last three years; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally.

In so far as the three Central Government hospitals in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its Associated Hospitals are concerned, medicines are provided to the admitted patients free of cost. Medicines to OPD patients are provided from the pharmacy of the hospital as per formulary of the hospital. In case some medicines are not available in the hospital store, it is made available by local purchase through prescribed chemists.