

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

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PROCUREMENT OF EXPIRY DRUGS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in a number of Government hospitals in the capital of the country, medicines are being bought nearing their expiry dates and the same are being distributed amongst patients;
- (b) if so, the names of such Government hospitals where such cases of irregularities have been reported and the action being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the number of doctors and officials involved in such cases against whom action has been taken by the Government so far; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): 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, only such medicines are procured which have adequate shelf life and no such cases of irregularities have been reported.