

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

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MEDICINES TO CANCER PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cancer patients in Safdarjung Hospital at Delhi are not being given medicines for more than last six months and they have to purchase them from the market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of these medicines in the hospitals for distribution to the patients?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Safdarjung Hospital has informed that, all medicines are given free to all cancer patients. In case of immediate non-availability of medicines, local indent and local purchase is done for the patients which may take few days.