

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

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

- (a) whether supply of expired Oral Dehydration Salt (ORS) packets by the Government hospitals and health centres has been reported;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to monitor the supply of ORS packets in Government hospitals and health centres across the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In so far as three Central Government Hospitals, namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals are concerned, procurement and distribution of only such ORS packets is done which have adequate shelf life and not nearing expiry dates.