

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

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SHORTAGE OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of life saving drugs and other antibiotics in the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries in most of the States/UTs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure adequate availability of life saving medicines and antibiotics in all the dispensaries of CGHS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): In addition to central procurement through Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) and Medical Stores Organization (MSO), 272 commonly prescribed medicines are procured directly from manufacturers / distributors at discounted rates.

Anti Cancer and other expensive life saving medicines are procured through CGHS (MSD) on priority basis and supplied to the beneficiaries.

Essential Medicines, which are not available at CGHS Wellness centres or are not in the CGHS formulary, are indented and procured through authorized local chemists.

There is also a provision for issue of medicines through authority slip for collection of medicines directly from authorized local chemists in cases of emergency requirement.