

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

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

- (a) whether medicines are made available free of cost to the BPL patients in Government hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any complaints have been received about the substandard quality of medicines provided to BPL patients;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government against the persons found involved therein?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Health being a state subject no such information is maintained centrally. In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & its associated hospitals are concerned, the medicines are provided free of cost to all the patients including BPL patients as per the hospital formulary.

(c) to (e) No such complaints regarding substandard medicines are reported so far.