

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AFFORDABLE MEDICAL STORES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open affordable medical stores near the Central and State Government Hospitals on the pattern of the store located in AIIMS hospital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be opened;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make available medicines to patients at affordable prices in the vicinity of hospitals across the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Since 'Health' is a State subject, it is up to the State Government to take decision in this regard. However, as far as three Central Government Hospital in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & associated Hospitals are concerned, there is a proposal to open Jan Aushadhi Store. Safdarjung Hospital has been identified a space for construction of a suitable 24x7 Chemist shop in the premises of the hospital.

In these three Central Government Hospitals, all medicines are provided free of cost to admitted patients. In OPD medicines are dispensed free of cost as per hospital formulary.