

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GENERIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing financial assistance to state run hospitals to supply generic medicines to poor patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of total amount of money spent on such free supply during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Public Health is a State subject. Although there is no direct scheme for providing financial assistance to State run hospitals to supply generic medicines to poor patients, under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), this Ministry provides financial assistance to the States after appraising the requirements projected by the State Governments in their Programme implementation Plans (PIPs). Details of funds approved under NRHM, state wise, in the last three years for providing drugs is annexed.