

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3746  
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ASSISTANCE TO AYURVEDIC DISPENSARIES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government provides financial assistance to the States for procurement and supply of essential drugs to the Ayurvedic dispensaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for allocation of funds for the purpose; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized by the States during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes.

(b): Under the Hospital & Dispensary Scheme assistance at the rate of Rs.50,000/- per dispensaries per year is being provided to Ayurvedic dispensaries for supply of essential drugs. Admissible assistance is being sanctioned subject to submission of utilization certificate for the amount sanctioned earlier.

(c): A statement indicating assistance provided to States for supply of essential medicine during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 and fund utilized are enclosed.