

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

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

- (a) the policy of the Government for procurement of Unani Medicines under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS);
- (b) whether the Government also makes direct procurement of Unani Medicines from manufacturers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the names of the manufacturers which supplied Unani Medicines to CGHS during each of the last three years and the current year and the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the mechanism put in place to monitor the quality of Unani Medicines supplied by the manufacturers?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Unani medicine for CGHS beneficiaries are procured through three sources.

(i) Indian Medicine Pharmaceuticals Corporation Ltd (IMPCL):- 94 Unani medicines are procured directly from IMPCL, Uttarakhand, a Government of India enterprise.

(ii) Private manufacturers: Generic Medicines 75 in number, and branded formulary medicines are procured from private manufacturers through tender process.

(iii) Authorized Local Chemist:-

Unani Medicines, which are not available in the dispensary store, are procured through Authorized Local Chemist.

(c): During the last three years no direct procurement from private manufacturers has been made.

(d): Bulk Generic medicines are procured from M/s IMPCL, a Public Sector Undertaking under Deptt. of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & FW which follows highest quality standards.

Unani medicines are also procured from the GMP Certified manufacturers only. There is an established organoleptic method to determine the quality of medicines. In case of any complaint about the quality of medicine, samples are drawn and sent to Govt. Lab. / Pharmacopoeial Laboratory for Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad (PLIM) for analysis and testing as per Pharmacopoeial standard.