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FREE SUPPLY OF MEDICINES BY GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the medicines are made available free of cost to the patients in the Government controlled hospitals and its associated institutes including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, whether there is no proper arrangements for supply of free medicines in the aforesaid hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard, hospital-wise;
- (d) whether the reports of irregularities and non-compliance of provision of free medicine supply scheme in the aforesaid hospitals have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However as far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & associated Hospitals are concerned, all medicines are provided free of cost to indoor patients. Medicines, which are not available in the Hospitals, are procured from authorized local chemist by the Hospital authority on emergency basis. In OPD also, medicines are dispensed free of cost to the patients on the prescription of the doctor of these Hospitals as per hospital formulary. No reports of irregularities and non-compliance of provision of free medicines supply scheme in these hospitals have come to notice.

In AIIMS, New Delhi, all the life saving and emergency drugs are being provided free of charge, to all the patients attending casualty. Further, all commonly used medicines including crystalloids and emergency medicines are also provided free of charge to the patients admitted in General wards.

In addition to that, scheme of providing free generic medicines to the patients is operational at AIIMS outreach OPD, Jahjjar.

As far PGIMER, Chandigarh is concerned, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.