

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN CGHS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines in CGHS dispensaries;
- (b) ifso, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to conduct any inquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of quality Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines in CGHS dispensaries by suppliers/manufacturers?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): So far as Ayurvedic Medicine is concerned there is no shortage of medicines at the Dispensary Level. However, the Unani Medicines which are not available at the Dispensaries are procured through local purchase. The beneficiaries are not put to any inconvenience as their requirement is met either from the store or through local purchase.

(e) : Ayurvedic Medicine CGHS Ayurvedic formulary contains 153 medicines manufactured by Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (A Government of India Enterprise)out of which 143 medicines are available in CGHS. For the rest of the medicines orders have been placed for making supplies. Out of 69 Ayurvedic branded medicines, at present 68 are available.

To ensure quality of medicines, CGHS procures medicines manufactured by the GMP complied manufacturers only.

The medicines are accepted in the Store Depot only when they are accompanied by analytical lab reports approved by Government/NABL accredited labs and the same are compared with the lab reports submitted at the time of tender forreproducibility, uniform standards, transparency and precision.

Samples are randomly picked up from the stocks of the stores on arrival or at periodical duration of time for testing at PLIM (PharmacopeialLaboratory of Indian Medicine functioning under Department of AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Government of India)for quality assurance.

Apart from above, medicines supplied to dispensaries are alsotestedrandomly by the drug controller, Delhi Government for quality assurance.

Unani Medicine Procurement is done from three Sources:-

1. IMPCL:- for bulk purchase of 94 Unani Medicines, IMPCL is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) which supplies at the rate fixed by the Office of Chief Advisor Cost, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. There is no requirement of tendering to procure medicines from M/s IMPCL.
2. From Private Manufacturers- through open tendering-both for Generic & branded items.
3. Authorized Local Chemist:- medicines which are not available in the dispensary/ or store are procured through Authorized Local Chemist.

The quality assurance mechanism adopted for Ayurvedic medicines is also applied in respect of Unani medicines.