

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

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINES TO CGHS BENEFICIARIES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has issued any instruction to the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries to issue medicines directly to patients undergoing treatment in CGHS empanelled hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the patients do not get medicines issued from CGHS dispensaries on the prescription of CGHS empanelled hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the policy in this regard; and
- (e) the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (e): Government empanels private hospitals under CGHS for indoor treatment and treatment can be undertaken with prior permission or under emergency.  
OPD medicines are issued by CGHS Wellness Centres on the prescription by CGHS Medical officers/Government specialists.  
In case of Cardiac surgery, Cancer treatment, Neuro-surgery, Renal transplantation and Hip/Knee Joint replacement surgery, there is provision for issue of permission for post operative follow up treatment from the same empanelled hospitals, where the initial treatment was taken with prior permission. In such cases OPD medicines as per the available brand name / generic name are issued by CGHS Wellness Centres.  
In respect of other post operative cases, where permission was granted, there is provision for issue of OPD medicines on the prescriptions of empanelled hospital for upto one month.