

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:294

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2014

USE OF EXPIRED MEDICINES AND NON SURGICAL CONSUMABLES

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

- (a) Whether the Government has taken cognisance of some Government hospitals in the capital including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) reportedly using expired stocks of medicines and non-surgical consumable items and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The effective monitoring mechanism put in place by the Government to prevent use of expired medicines and other medical equipments/ accessories; and
- (d) The other steps taken/being taken by the Government to check the use of expired medicines and non-surgical consumable items in the hospitals and the results thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 294 FOR 12TH DECEMBER, 2014

(a) &(b) : As far as Central Government Hospitals, namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr RML Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical Colleges &Associated Hospitals, AIIMS, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry and Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh are concerned, expired stocks of medicines and non-surgical consumable items are not used. Medicines and non-surgical consumables are procured by the Government Hospitals with utmost care.

(c) & (d): Medicines procured by the hospitals are physically inspected by the Inspection Committee of the hospitals and medicines with adequate shelf-life only are accepted. Test report certifying the quality of medicines is provided along with the supply. Further, random checking/sampling is carried out at various hospitals/stores by the Drug Control Department of Government of NCT of Delhi.