

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

(a) whether a large number of medicines remained out of stock in Central Government Hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Post Graduate Institutes (PGI) leading to deaths of patients as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of deaths reported during each of the last three years and the current year, hospital-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of medicines in these hospitals?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In so far as three Central Government hospitals located in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated Hospitals are concerned, supply orders for procurement of medicines are placed well in advance and also buffer stock is maintained to overcome any exigencies. If at any occasion life saving medicine is not available in the hospital medical store the same is procured by the hospital from the authorized local chemist or by utilizing imprest money available at the disposal of competent authorities. No shortage of life saving or essential medicines is noticed in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). No case of death due to unavailability of medicines is reported in these hospitals and AIIMS.