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Title: Need to direct the doctors to prescribe generic medicines.

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYANAGAR): Sir, we are well aware that generic medicine is much cheaper than the branded medicine, but it is very unfortunate that most of the doctors do not prescribe medicine by its generic name and this is the main reason for not getting the generic medicine in the pharmacy. People are not aware of the benefits of generic medicine and its cost advantage. So, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Health, through you Sir, to ensure that the doctors prescribe medicines by their generic names and create awareness among the people about the use of generic medicines.

I would also request that district-wise Helpline Support Centres should be formed with infrastructure, with capital support from the Centre to provide live assistance to the patients with regard to low priced medicines and lodging of complaints.

Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri George Baker and Dr. Kirit P. Solanki are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Pratima Mondal.