

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

UNAVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN ESI HOSPITALS

1260. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the ESI Hospitals in the Telugu States are facing the shortage of medicines and even regular medicines like BP and sugar tablets are also not available in the hospitals;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any study has been conducted into the facts of the matter;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): Instances have been reported on shortage of some medicines at State run Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIS) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. However, medicines, including those of BP and Sugar, are readily available in Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) hospitals in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e): ESIC headquarter has advised these states to examine the matter and take suitable action. Further, as informed by these State Governments, procurement of medicines from Rate Contract firms is on top priority and if the medicines are not available/ supplied by the firms, Medical Superintendents/In-charges of ESIS Hospitals/dispensaries have been delegated powers to purchase medicines locally, as per rules.
