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Title: Regarding handwritten medical prescriptions -laid.

**SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH):** We all have come across bad handwriting in prescriptions written by doctors and feel difficulty in understanding the medicine names. Even pharmacists often find it difficult to read the prescriptions and have sometimes handed out wrong drugs, leading to improper treatment and even deaths.

A study has shown that only one in five rural doctors have legible handwriting. This figure is scary as it poses a huge problem in our health delivery system.

The Medical Council of India in October 2016 directed doctors to write prescriptions in capital or legible letters and prescribe medicines in generic names. Even the Health Ministry wrote to the states and UTs to follow the MCI notification.

We live in a digital age where we can receive prescriptions on our phones. I urge the Government to explore a policy where we can do away with handwritten prescriptions and format only computer generated prescriptions, while also encouraging e-prescriptions.