

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

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF AUTHORISED LOCAL CHEMISTS

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

- (a) the names of CGHS dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi in which authorised local chemists have not been provided as on date;
- (b) whether there is not arrangement of local chemists for indenting the medicines to meet the demand of CGHS dispensaries /beneficiaries in the entire Kalkaji area (no. 42 & 75), R.K.Puram area, Vasant Vihar, Netaji Nagar, Munirka/JNU CGHS dispensaries etc ;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether due to non-availability of local chemists , beneficiaries are compelled to purchase medicines from open market ;
- (e) if so, by when the Government proposes to provide local chemists for CGHS dispensaries of the aforesaid areas or the other areas in which local chemists are not available;
- (f) whether absence of locally appointed chemists cause hardship in the above areas to the beneficiaries especially pensioners who are referred to purchase medicines from open market, with medical reimbursement taking many months ; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to alleviate the hardhsip?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Adequate quantity of medicines is available in CGHS dispensaries. However, any drug prescribed by the specialists and not available in the dispensary is made available to the beneficiary from the Authorised local Chemist on the basis of individual prescription.

The Allopathic dispensaries under CGHS Delhi which were not having a CGHS authorised local chemist have been temporarily tagged with/ allotted to the existing authorised local chemists of the nearby CGHS dispensaries.

(b)to(g): In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.