

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of medicines in various Government hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps so far to supply the medicines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): Essential and life saving medicines are available and there is no shortage of such medicines in various Central Government Hospitals. The medicines for various Central Government Hospitals are procured from Government Medical Stores and also through Annual Tenders. If not available through above sources, local purchases of required medicines is also made.