

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:385  
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ACUTE SHORTAGE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of some life saving drugs as well as essential medicines in Government hospitals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof hospital-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of drugs and medicine in these hospitals?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b):As per the report received from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, life saving and essential medicines are generally available in Government Hospitals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(c): Steps have already been taken to ensure adequate supply of life saving medicines as well as essential medicines by placing indent to the GMSD, Kolkata and GMSD, Chennai as well as by procuring from the market at the open tender rate and also from the manufacturing firm at manufacturer institution rate.