

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

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MEDICAL STORE DEPOTS

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

- (a) the details of Medical Store Depots authorised under the Central Government Health Scheme/ Government Hospitals, location-wise ;
- (b) whether all the Medical Stores Depots have quality control laboratories ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the supply of quality drugs?

Answer

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

- (a): Medical Stores Organisation under Dte. GHS has 7 (seven) General Medical Store Depots (GMSD) located at Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Karnal, Guwahati and New Delhi.
- (b)&(c): GMSD, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai have quality control laboratories.
- (d): Most of the pharmaceutical industries are located in Gujarat and Maharashtra and Medicines purchased are tested in the GMSD, Mumbai lab. Other GMSDs are taking help of GMSD Chennai and Kolkata for testing the medicines purchased.
- (e): All the medicines purchased by the GMSDs are tested for their quality in two different Government approved testing laboratories. The medicines are accepted only on receipt of satisfactory test report from both the labs. In case any item fails in test the same is deregistered for 3 years. In case of repeated failure of items, the firm itself is deregistered permanently.