

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3100  
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BAR CODING SYSTEM ON ALL CGHS MEDICINES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the medicines supplied through CGHS are not safer due to non-availability of details of company, expiry data etc.;
- (b) If so, whether the Government proposes to introduce the Bar Coding System in all types of medicines including, Ayurvedic, homoeo, Allopathic supplied through CGHS or procured through private pharmaceutical companies;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d) No, Sir.All the drugs which are procured for supply to the CGHS dispensaries through General Management Store Depot and Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation are packed properly and labels do contain information which inter-alia include name of the manufacturer, batch No., date of manufacture and date of expiry. Any medicines which are consumed within the shelf life i.e. before the date of expiry are safe. In order to ascertain the quality of medicines being supplied to CGHS a team comprising of 2 doctors from CGHS and one officer from GMSD inspect physically all the medicines.

At present there is no proposal to introduce Bar Coding system in all types of medicines supplied to CGHS are procured through CGHS authorised chemists.