

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

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CENTRAL PROCUREMENT AGENCY FOR DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Central Procurement Agency (CPS) for bulk procurement of drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has requested the State Governments to create their own essential drugs list (EDL) keeping in mind the diseases that worst affect them; and
- (d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): Yes.
- (b): The Central Medical Services Society, the Central Procurement Agency of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, was registered on 22-03-2012.
- (c): The Central Government has periodically been encouraging the States to create their Essential Drugs List (EDL).
- (d): 29 States/UTs have informed that they have either their own Essential Drug List (EDL) in place or have adopted National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM).