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Title : Need to provide medicines to poor at affordable prices.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Prices of medical drugs are sky rocketing. There seems to be no relief to the poor, who cannot afford them to save their lives. There is a need for intervention by the Government to bring down prices of essential drugs and make them affordable to poor and needy. Health infrastructure needs to be modernised and small and medium health centres across the country be set up with sufficient storage of medicines. This is the most essential of all other important things to be done by the Government. I would like to urge the hon. Minister to look into the aspect of providing affordable medicines to the poor and ensure that medicines are available at affordable prices.