

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018**

**SHORTAGE OF LIFE SAVING MEDICINES/ EQUIPMENTS IN
GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS**

4130. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of lifesaving medical equipment/diagnostic devices and medicines in Central Government controlled medical colleges/ hospitals and affiliated hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide more administrative and financial powers to the Medical Superintendents of these hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): As reported by the Central Government Hospitals/Institutes including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, there is no shortage of life saving medical equipment/diagnostic devices and medicines in most of these hospitals /Institutes. The hospitals maintain a ready stock of life saving drugs, surgical items and essential items for supply to Casualty Department and wards. All patient care services, diagnostic and therapeutic equipments/machines are generally kept in proper condition for optimal use of patients.

However, the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal have reported shortage of certain equipment.

The procurement of medical equipments and medicines is a continuous process and is met as per demands of user departments and availability of funds.

(c) & (d): It has always been the endeavour of the government to provide increased functional autonomy to the hospitals/ institutes for efficient hospital management so that patient services are not affected.