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**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2021**

## SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN AYUSH DISPENSARIES UNDER CGHS

**961. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of regarding prescribed medicines in the 'AYUSH dispensaries' under C.G.H.S. as the manufacturing units are facing various resource related issues;
(b) if so, the plan being formulated by the Government to address these issues so that the regularly prescribed medicines can sufficiently be issued to the patents;
(c) the reasons for supply of indented medicines in these dispensaries only after 15-20 days unlike the manner in which indented medicines are provided in allopathic dispensaries on very next day; and
(d) whether Government would adopt any measures to remove this discrepancy?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**
**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) There is no major shortage of formulary medicines in AYUSH dispensaries/units under CGHS. Repeated tender process for the appointment of Authorized Local Chemists (ALCs) for the supply of medicines in AYUSH dispensaries/units under CGHS in Delhi has not yielded results. However, following options are available to the beneficiaries in case of non-availability of prescribed medicines in AYUSH dispensaries/units:

1. They may collect medicines indented through Authorized Local Chemists (ALCs) from AYUSH dispensaries/units after the supply thereof reaches the concerned dispensary/unit.
2. They may purchase the prescribed medicines from open market and claim reimbursement thereof.

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