

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 410  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

**“UNAVAILABILITY OF GENERIC DRUGS IN WELLNESS CENTRES”**

**410. SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:**

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

- (a) whether, CAG Report no. 17 of 2022 found that deficiencies in the supply chain of drugs in the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) led to the non-availability of generic drugs in wellness centres, and the measures being taken to prevent the unavailability of such drugs;
- (b) the details of the medicines highly demanded and their on-ground availability in the wellness centres, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has assessed the reasons of the delay and short-supply of drugs in the wellness centres, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) Sufficient stock of generic medicines are maintained across all wellness centres. In case, the medicines are not readily available, then the essential medicines are procured through Authorized Local Chemist (ALC). The details of highly demanded medicines in general are Telmisartan 40mg, Telmisartan H, Amlodipine, Atenolol, Metoprolol, Atorvastatin, Ecosprin, Glimepride, Metformin, Gliclazide, Voglibose, Glimepride 1/2 with metformin 500/1000, Ursodeoxycholic acid 300/150mg, Tamsulosin +Dutasteride 0.5 mg+0.4mg, B-complex, Calcium, Iron, Pantoprazole, methylcobalamin 500mg, Thyroxine 25/50/100mcg and Thyronorm etc.

Medicines in Bulk are procured through Medical Stores Organization (MSO) under Dte.GHS and in addition these are also procured through Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana to augment the availability of medicines. CGHS modules have been updated to capture the data of the commonly indented medicines through ALC by generic name so that they can be procured from Jan Aushadhi Pariyaojana for improved availability of medicines. The demand for medicines are submitted to Medical Stores Organization for procurement.

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