

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2598  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**MEDICINES TO BPL PATIENTS**

**2598. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

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

- (a) whether free of cost medicines are provided to the BPL patients in Government hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any complaints have been received about providing inferior medicines to the BPL patients;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government against the persons involved in the said incidents?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): Since Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally.

As far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, medicines are provided to BPL patients free of cost as per Hospital's formulary.

(b) to (d): No complaint has been received by these Hospitals in this regard.

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