

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.60

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2017
AGRAHAYANA 24, 1939 (SAKA)

REDUCTION OF GST ON DRUGS

60. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) requesting to reduce the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on all drugs to 5 per cent from 28 per cent and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the stand of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): Medicaments, in general, attract 12% GST. Further, specified medicaments attract concessional rate of 5% GST rate. Certain representations have been received for reduction of GST rates on medicaments from 12% to 5% or Nil. The following exemptions have been granted under IGST:

- (i) Imports of Medicines/drugs/vaccines supplied free of cost by United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Red Cross or an International Organization subject to specified conditions.
- (ii) Imported Lifesaving Medicines for personal use supplied free of cost by overseas supplier, subject to specified conditions.
