

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4619  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**SUPPLY OF MEDICINES IN AYURVEDIC DISPENSARIES**

**4619. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

- (a) whether Ayurvedic dispensaries in Delhi are not supplying indented medicines even after a week and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has set any guidelines regarding supply of indented medicines and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for frequent inspections of the dispensaries to avoid inconvenience to patients and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is taking any stringent measures to ensure timely supply of medicines to patients and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): There is some delay in supply of indented Ayurvedic medicines, which are supplied by Authorized Local Chemists (ALCs) since; the two ALCs opted out of contract with CGHS.
- (b): As per the terms and conditions of appointment of ALCs, the ALC is expected to supply the indented medicines on the next working day; failing which, penalty of Rs. 500/- shall be imposed per day.
- (c): Regular inspections are carried out by Additional Directors of concerned CGHS Zone.
- (d): Following steps have been taken by the Govt. to ensure timely supply of medicines to patients:-
  - Action has been initiated for new tender process for appointment of regular ALCs.
  - There is a penalty clause for imposition of penalty of Rs. 500/- per day for the delay supply of indented medicines.

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