

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

LIST OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS UNDER AYUSH

6641. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a List of Essential Drugs (LED) for all streams under AYUSH and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the hospitals under AYUSH streams fail to procure drugs listed in LED;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (c): In March 2013, the Ministry of AYUSH published revised lists of Essential Drugs of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy. These lists have total 1124 drugs comprising 277 of Ayurveda, 302 of Siddha, 288 of Unani and 257 of Homoeopathy drugs. Through the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM), grant-in-aid is provided to the States/UTs to facilitate procurement of AYUSH drugs out of the respective Essential Drugs List for supply to State dispensaries and hospitals. The grant-in-aid for this purpose is provided to the States in accordance with the schematic guidelines for the required proposal reflected in the State Annual Action Plans. As per the prescribed guidelines at least 50% of the grant- in-aid provided to the State should be used for procuring these drugs from M/s Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (a Central Public Sector Undertaking) or from Public Sector undertakings, pharmacies under State Government and Co-operative manufactured in their own manufacturing units with compliance to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). The remaining grant-in-aid provided under the National AYUSH Mission for medicines may be used for procuring medicines as per the respective Essential Drugs List (EDL) of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy from other Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) compliant units having valid manufacturing licenses.

(d) & (e): No formal complaint received, hence the question of providing details does not arise.

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