

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.352
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH JANUARY, 2019
AVAILABILITY OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS**

***352. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many important life saving drugs are not available in the Government hospitals including the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make such medicines available in Government hospitals as well as CGHS dispensaries?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c): As reported by the Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Associated Hospitals, Dr. RML Hospital, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, and Directorate General of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), there is no shortage of life saving drugs in these hospitals. These hospitals maintain adequate quantity of life saving drugs as a 'Buffer' stock to avoid any emergency situation.

Procurement of medicines including life saving drugs is a continuous process and is met as per demands of user departments and availability of resources.

Government has taken the following steps to augment availability of medicines in Central Government Hospitals including CGHS Wellness Centres:-

- (i) In Central government Hospitals, emergency drugs which are not readily available in the hospitals are procured through authorized local chemists.
- (ii) In so far as CGHS Wellness Centres are concerned, indents are placed through HLL Life Care Ltd., to procure rate contracted generic medicines as an interim measure to augment availability of medicines at these Wellness Centres.
- (iii) Further, Additional Directors, CGHS, have been authorized to procure day to day required generic medicines from nearby Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) stores.
