

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3368  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**Local Purchase System in Siddha Wellness Centres**

**3368. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

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

- (a) whether the local purchase system is not permitted in Siddha Wellness Centres which are functioning under CGHS but the same is allowed in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not permitting local purchase in Siddha Unit;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to take necessary steps to permit local purchase system in Siddha; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): Presently, there are three CGHS Siddha Wellness Centres in India, one in Delhi and two in Chennai. Due to low volume of requirement, it is not feasible to appoint Authorized Local Chemist. However, approved CGHS Siddha formulary covers medicines for wide range of diseases. In rare conditions, if any prescribed Siddha medicine is not available in the Wellness Centre/ Store, then it can be purchased by patient and the amount is reimbursed.

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