

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**FREE INSULIN VIALS FOR POOR IN AIIMS, DELHI**

**\*95. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free of cost insulin vials to poor/low-income patients at AIIMS, Delhi and if so, the details thereof and the criteria laid down for providing free insulin vials;
- (b) whether it is true that AIIMS also provides a number of other medicines free of cost to poor and low-income group patients and if so, the details thereof along with the list of such medicines;
- (c) whether it is true that AIIMS also provides a number of other medicines free of cost to poor and low-income group patients;
- (d) if so, the details of the criteria followed by the AIIMS for inclusion of various medicines in the list of free of cost medicines given to poor and low-income patients; and
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to provide insulin vials and other necessary medicines free of cost at other Central Government Hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a) AIIMS, New Delhi is dispensing free insulin vials with effect from 14.11.2023 to the registered patients (both OPD and IPD) having a valid prescription signed and issued by the treating faculty.

(b) to (d) AIIMS, New Delhi is providing 553 essential medicines and 354 surgical consumable items to all general ward hospitalised patients free of cost as prescribed by the treating doctor for the duration that they are admitted in the hospital. List placed at link (<https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/list%20of%20essential%20drugs.pdf>). The list of essential drugs is decided by a Committee of the Institute on the basis of requests received from various clinical departments, in light of the prescription pattern.

(e) Essential medicine as identified are provided free of cost to the patients at Central Government hospitals including Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Lady Harding Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, Shillong, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, All India Institute of Medical Sciences- Raebareli, Nagpur, Patna, Gorakhpur, Bibinagar, Rishikesh, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Raipur, Jodhpur, Manglagiri, Kalyani, Bilaspur and Bathinda.

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