

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1213  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

**ESSENTIAL AND GENERIC MEDICINES**

**1213. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:**

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

- (a) whether the CGHS is reviewing the new essential/generic medicines from time to time, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether many of the prescribed medicines in CGHS lists are not up-to-date viz-a-viz the new development of medicines/generic medicines and if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b) CGHS sends requests to Medical Stores Organization (MSO ) as per data analysis of commonly prescribed medicines for inclusion of new drugs in the formulary. Combined CGHS formulary is updated by Medical Stores Organization (MSO) under Directorate General of Health Services. The last revision of the formulary was made in September, 2023 and is available on MSO website at the link [https://mso-gmsd.in/MSO\\_PORTAL/msowebiste/portal/home](https://mso-gmsd.in/MSO_PORTAL/msowebiste/portal/home) .

Medicine is an ever evolving science and Pharmacy modules in CGHS application have been updated to capture the data of commonly prescribed medicines by generic name for updating the formulary.

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