

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 304
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July, 2021

Shortage of COVID-19 Medicines

304. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details about the total number of COVID-19 treatment related medicine supply to State Governments from 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021, State/UT-wise; and
(b) whether there has been any shortage of supply, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a): The monitoring of availability of COVID-19 related drugs started w.e.f. first week of April, 2021 when the COVID-19 cases in the country started rising very fast leading to temporary shortages of some drugs. Department of Pharmaceuticals, in consultation with Department of Health and Family Welfare, started allocating such drugs to States/UTs where a temporary mismatch in demand and supply was observed in order to ensure equitable availability of such drugs across all regions of the country. Allocation was done for following four drugs: Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, Amphotericin B (Liposomal) and Amphotericin B (Conventional). Allocation of Remdesivir started on 21.4.2021, Tocilizumab on 30.4.2021, Amphotericin B-Liposomal on 11.5.2021, and Amphotericin B – Conventional on 14.6.2021 respectively. The details of supply of the allocated drugs to States/UTs up to 30th June, 2021 is given in Table below: -

Supply of Drugs to States/UTs (Number of vials)

Sr. No.	State/UT	Remdesivir	Amphotericin (Liposomal)	Amphotericin (Conventional)	Tocilizumab
1	Assam	104062	300	0	550
2	Chandigarh	25478	3240	480	155
3	Chhattisgarh	227667	5460	0	430
4	Delhi	276765	19591	0	1492
5	Goa	43282	910	110	400
6	Gujarat	776743	157629	20422	2070
7	Haryana	287769	29250	0	1575
8	Andhra Pradesh	765232	57477	0	2321
9	Telangana	432478	55110	0	1113
10	Jammu and Kashmir	74573	900	0	870

11	Karnataka	966446	61138	0	9428
12	Kerala	182028	3020	440	6980
13	Madhya Pradesh	338825	54901	0	1465
14	Maharashtra	1723006	152770	9190	10033
15	Manipur	5943	150	0	130
16	Mizoram	4618	0	0	15
17	Punjab	178910	8900	930	1403
18	Rajasthan	362493	66637	3800	2625
19	Tamil Nadu	1081829	36298	0	2567
20	Uttar Pradesh	530185	41153	1510	2000
21	Uttarakhand	96870	4650	0	625
22	West Bengal	233906	2220	0	2232
23	Odisha	171997	1370	280	1752
24	Bihar	162800	10392	720	1415
25	Jharkhand	182187	3180	180	770
26	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	3268	500	0	80
27	Tripura	5200	50	0	10
28	Arunachal Pradesh	4846	0	0	0
29	Puducherry	23252	530	0	25
30	Nagaland	774	0	0	30
31	Meghalaya	17060	0	0	65
32	Sikkim	3730	0	0	0
33	Himachal Pradesh	42154	220	0	150
34	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3300	0	0	30
35	Ladakh	1500	0	0	30
36	Lakshadweep	500	0	0	0
37	Central Allocation- MoHFW	42274	36377	590	2741
38	Central Allocation- Other	1682	0	0	0
	Total Supply	9385632	814323	38652	57577

(b): Addressing the issues of shortage of drugs across the country is a regular activity of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). NPPA received 1011 complaints on shortage of drugs on its Helpline during second wave of COVID-19. NPPA made efforts to ensure the availability of the above drugs in all the States/UTs by coordinating with the manufacturers and nodal officers of SDCs based on the allocations made by DoP to various States/UTs.

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