

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025**

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES

**952 SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:
SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:**

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

- (a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Vijayawada provides insulin and other essential medicines free of cost to patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are any special provisions in place to ensure free or subsidized access to essential medicines for persons belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made any provisions for the distribution of free essential medicines through collaborations with private or public Agencies; and
- (e) if so, the details of such collaborations, including the names of the agencies involved and the scope of their contribution?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAP RAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Surakhsha Yojana (PMSSY), All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) has been established at Mangalagiri in Guntur District in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Presently, 553 essential medicines including insulin and 354 surgical consumables are being provided free of cost to all the inpatients admitted at AIIMS Mangalagiri.

All the BPL patients are provided cashless in-patient services at AIIMS Mangalagiri under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), of Govt. of India. In AIIMS Mangalagiri, AMRIT Pharmacy has been set up to provide medicine, implants and surgical consumables at affordable rates to the patients. In addition, JAN-AUSHADHI Kendra has also been set up to provide generic medicines at affordable rates.
