

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH APRIL, 2016**

LOW COST GLUCOMETERS

1015. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the production of low cost Glucometers and other testing and monitoring devices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the low cost Glucometers are likely to be made available in the market; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c): Medical device manufacturing is an important component of the Action Plan in respect of pharmaceutical sector. The Government had constituted a Task Force to look into the issues related to Domestic Medical Device Sector and its report has since been received. The decisions taken by the Government including identifying suitable locations for medical device parks and formulation of medical device policy will help in domestic manufacture of various medical devices including Glucometer at a lower cost.

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