

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2016**

CHLORINE TABLETS

4529. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of shortage of chlorine tablets with the State health department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from the States/UTs during the last three years for replenishing the chlorine tablet stock and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a) & (b): Public Health is a State subject. Information about availability of chlorine tablets with Health Department in the States is not maintained in the Ministry.
- (c): Public Health being a State subject, under the National Health Mission support is provided to States/ UTs for strengthening of their healthcare systems including for drugs based on requirements posed by the States in their Programme Implementation Plans. No such request has been received in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the recent past. However, as part of Flood relief, 2,15,50,500 chlorine tablets were supplied to Uttarakhand in 2013-14 and 34,91,000 to Jammu & Kashmir in 2014-15.