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According to the minister of state for health & family welfare, Mr Abu Hasem Khan Choudhury, the government has no plans to introduce National Health Bill. Speaking in the parliament today on March 22, 2013, the minister mentioned that government was committed to ensure better healthcare through various other schemes. He said, "In order to provide relief to the common man in the area of healthcare, a countrywide campaign in the name of "Jan Aushadhi Campaign" has been initiated by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, in collaboration with the State Governments, by way of opening up of Jan Aushadhi Generic Stores in the Government Hosptials to supply of generic medicines through Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings, to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all. So far, 149 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened in different States/UTs in the country as on January 28, 2013."

On drug pricing, the minister mentioned, "Further, under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices & Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995), the prices of 74 bulk drugs listed in its First Schedule and the formulations containing any of these scheduled drugs are controlled. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) fixes or revises prices of scheduled drugs/formulations as per the provisions of the DPCO, 1995. In respect of drugs not covered under DPCO, 1995 i.e. non-scheduled drugs, manufacturers fix the prices by themselves without seeking the approval of the Government/NPPA. However, the trend in prices of non-scheduled drugs is monitored and suitable action is taken by NPPA where price increase is more than 10% in a period of one year on moving basis."

Talking about the government efforts on ensuring healthcare facilities to all, the minister said, "The government is also providing support to the states under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for providing free generic drugs in public health facilities. The states have been encouraged to bring out essentials drugs lists (EDL) facility wise and standard treatment guidelines to promote safe and efficacious drug use."