

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICINES FOR THE COMMON MAN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop various forms of medicines as an affordable health tool for the common man;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for this purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) : A campaign by the name of 'Jan Aushadhi' has been launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals. The aim of this campaign is to ensure making available quality medicine at affordable prices for all, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. Under this campaign, low priced quality unbranded generic medicines are made available through Jan Aushadhi stores which inherently are less priced but are of same and equivalent quality, efficacy and safety as compared to branded generic medicines.

(c) & (d) : At present 280 medicines are being supplied in the 43 Jan Aushadhi Stores opened in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttaranchal, Chandigarh, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa.