

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF NON-SPECIFIED MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints against the Central Scheme of Jan Aushadhi outlets distributing non-specified medicines:
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): The Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Scheme initiated by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, is being implemented with the support of the State Governments and through the agencies as recommended by the State Governments to manage such Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Stores. Though such Jan Aushadhi Stores are expected to sell only unbranded generic drugs, however, they are permitted to sell some emergency medicines, surgical items, OTC and other consumer products in order to cater to the needs of the patients at one place. Action has been taken whenever any violation of the guidelines has been found as in the case of three stores in Punjab.