

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

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OPENING OF JAN AUSHADHI OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open Jan Aushadhi Outlets in every District Head Quarter Hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the objectives and conditionalities for opening of such outlets: and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be finalized and opened?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to open Jan Aushadhi Outlets in every district hospital of the country in partnership and with support of the concerned State Governments.

(b) The objective of opening Jan Aushadhi Stores is to make available quality generic drugs at affordable prices to the general public. In so far as the terms and conditions and eligibility criteria for opening up of Jan Aushadhi Stores are concerned, NGOs / Hospitals / Charitable / Cooperative / Government bodies excluding individuals and commercial organizations, who have minimum of three years experience, preferably working with Centre/State Governments and having good track record, ability/resources to furnish the allotted space as per the design/layout, capable of meeting all Legal/Statutory/ Regulatory requirements are eligible for running the stores, provided that there is a recommendation in favour of the applicant organizations from the respective Health Department of the State Governments. Besides this, the State/Central Governments are also eligible to identify agencies to manage the stores.

(C) It is difficult to prescribe time limit as the opening of Jan Aushadhi depends upon the support from each State Government and the cooperation they extend to open such stores in the district hospital premises which are essentially State Govt. controlled. Also the identification of agencies to manage such stores is required to be done by the State Govt. The prescription of generic medicines by concerned Doctors is also a key factor influencing this.