

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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JAN AUSHADHI PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Jan Aushadhi Programme launched in 2008;
- (b) the number of Jan Aushadhi Stores across the country at present, State-wise alongwith the reasons for not opening Jan Aushadhi Store in every State;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken up the matter with State Governments to open Jan Aushadhi Store in every States;
- (d) if so, the response of State Governments thereto;
- (e) the names of medicines being sold at Jan Aushadhi Stores at present;
- (f) whether there is a proposal to add more medicines in the programmes; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to popularise the said stores?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): The Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that consequent upon a decision taken in the meeting of the Pharma Advisory Forum held on 23rd August, 2008, the Jan Aushadhi Campaign was launched on 25th November, 2008 by way of opening the first Jan Aushadhi Drug Store in the Civil Hospital, Amritsar. Under the campaign, at least one Jan Aushadhi store is to be opened in the District Hospitals to begin with, wherever the State Governments extend their support and cooperation in allotting the space and identifying the agency to manage such stores, to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all. So far, 81 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened in the States of Punjab (20), Rajasthan (36), Haryana (04), Uttarakhand (02), Andhra Pradesh (03), Orissa (08), West Bengal (02), Delhi (03) and Chandigarh (03). A Statement containing the list of Jan Aushadhi Stores at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes. The matter has been taken up with the State Governments. A good response has been received from some of the States like Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Orissa, Delhi and Chandigarh. Such stores could not be opened in many other States as response from them were poor.

(e) to (g): A Statement containing the names of the medicines which are under supply from the Central Pharma Public Sector Units to the Jan Aushadhi Stores is at Annexure -II. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that it is taking all efforts to increase the basket of medicines being sold in the Jan Aushadhi Stores. At present the stress is on the effective regular supply of 319 medicines to Jan Aushadhi Stores. Also Government is taking all efforts to popularize the said stores through advertisements in print and visual media. In this regard a joint multi-media publicity programme has been initiated by the Department of Pharmaceuticals with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India. Apart from this, State Governments and the agencies running the stores are also assisted to popularize the stores which include running of a Toll Free Helpline on Jan Aushadhi Campaign so that the benefit of the programme reaches the common man.