

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

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MANUFACTURING OF LOW COST MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to manufacture medicines for common diseases at lower costs through Public Sector Undertakings to provide some relief to the common people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government has initiated a Campaign called Jan Aushadhi Programme in the year 2008. Under the Jan Aushadhi Programme Central Pharma Public Sector (CPSUs) are already manufacturing the medicines at much lower cost compared with the branded medicines for supply to the Jan Aushadhi Stores. Some of the comparative prices of the medicines sold in the Jan Aushadhi Stores and such branded medicines sold in the open market are shown in the following table which explains the price difference.