

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1933
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PRESCRIBING OF GENERIC NAMES OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes any new guidelines for medical practitioners to prescribe generic names of medicines instead of its brand names to minimize the prices of life saving medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if no, the reason therefor;
- (d) whether any awareness seminars have been conducted with different social groups/citizen forums for educating the people about the generic drugs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (e); The Government has from time to time been issuing repeated circulars / instructions to all Central Government hospitals, CGHS dispensaries and the State Governments for encouraging / motivating doctors to prescribe generic medicines to the maximum extent possible. There has been media campaign for promotion of generic medicines through Jan Aushadhi.