

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EASY AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES AT JAN AUSHADHI OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing machinery to ensure that the medicines are easily available at the Jan Aushadhi Outlets in the country;
- (b) whether the work with regard to opening of such outlets have not initiated as per the requirement by the Government under pressure of the private players;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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(d): One of the main objectives of the Government of India, Department of Pharmaceuticals, is to make available quality generic medicines at the affordable prices for all in the country. Keeping this objective in view, one of the recent measures taken by the Department of Pharmaceuticals was to launch 'Jan Aushadhi Campaign', under which Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Stores are being opened in the Government Hospitals to make available (unbranded) quality Generic medicines at much affordable prices to all by way of supply of medicines through Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs). In order to enable a focused and empowered structure to implement the Jan Aushadhi campaign, a Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) was formed under the aegis of the Department of Pharmaceuticals. BPPI inter-alia is required to co-ordinate with all the stake-holders including the Health & Family Welfare Departments of the State Governments in connection with the opening of Jan Aushadhi stores in their states and also to ensure supply of generic medicines to all such stores through the CPSUs. So far as the process of opening of Jan Aushadhi stores is concerned, much will depend upon the support and co-operation being extended by the State Governments in allotting free space in the Government Hospitals or at any other suitable locations and also identify the agencies amongst Hospitals/NGOs/ Charity institutions/Co-operatives/Government Bodies to manage such stores. Moreover, to take this campaign forward in order to cover each district in the country, much will depend upon the health policies and the health programmes being followed by the respective State Governments, as to whether the medicines in the hospitals are given completely free or partially free, etc. in order to determine the feasibility and the viability for opening/ managing such Jan Aushadhi Stores. In this regard, BPPI has been regularly writing to all the State Governments, where the Jan Aushadhi campaign is yet to make inroads and based on the positive responses being received by the BPPI, necessary steps are being taken to open stores in such States. As such there is no pressure from the private players to stall the process of opening of the Jan Aushadhi Stores.