

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4485
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MANUFACTURING OF LIFE SAVING 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 the life saving medicines in the public sector in view of the large scale exploitation of the present situation by the private Pharmaceuticals companies and distributors;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed projects and the medicines intended to be manufactured therein;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to take steps to manufacture at least the most needed medicines out of the medicines now listed as life- saving medicines in view of large scale complaints of arbitrary fixing of prices of these medicines by the private companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE 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) & (b) The Central Pharma Public Sector Enterprises such as IDPL, HAL, BCPL, KAPL and RDPL, which are presently in operation, were basically set up by the Government of India with the objective of manufacturing life saving essential medicines in the Public Sector for supply to the needy and suffering masses at the most reasonable prices. These CPSEs at present are manufacturing most of the life saving drugs including Antibiotics, Analgesics, Cardiovascular Drugs, Corticosteroids, Anti-infective, Anti-fungal etc. at affordable cost. One of the main objective of this Department is to ensure availability of quality medicines at affordable prices to all and in order to achieve this objective, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has started 'Jan Aushadhi Campaign', in collaboration with the State Governments, by way of opening up of Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Stores in the Government Hospitals with supply of medicines through CPSEs. Under this campaign, it is intended to open at least one Jan Aushadhi Store in every district of the country to begin with and to open more and more of such stores wherever the State Governments extend active support and cooperation. So far, 146 stores have been opened (upto 30.11.2012) in the country.

(c) & (d) does not arise in view of reply at (a) & (b) above.