

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

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PRICE OF JAN AUSHADHI OUTLET MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative price of Jan Aushadhi Outlet medicines procured by various Government Departments and Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of these medicines in the market; and

(b) the difference in quality between medicines procured by the Government Departments vis-a-vis those sold as branded medicines in the market?

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 SR1KANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) There is a big difference in the prices of generic medicines being sold through the Jan Aushadhi Outlets and the prices of branded medicines sold in the open market. The same is corroborated by the following illustration, which shows the vast price difference prevalent between the generic medicines sold through the Jan Aushadhi Outlets and branded medicines sold in the open market:-

Name of salt	Dosage	Pack	Average Market Prices of Generic Medicines (Rs.) in Jan Aushadhi Outlets (Rs.)	Price of Branded Medicines sold	Difference
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Antibiotic: Ciprofloxacin	250 mg	10	54.00	11.10	5 times higher
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Pain Killer: Diclofenac SR	100mg	10	51.91	3.35	15.5 times higher
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Common Cold: Cetirizine	10 mg	10	37.50	2.75	13.5 times higher
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Fever: Paracetamol	500 mg	10	13.56	2.45	5.5 times higher
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Pain & Fever: Nimesulide	100 mg	10	38.66	2.70	14.3 times higher
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Cough Syrup	110 ml bottle		33.00	13.30	2.5 times higher
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(b) As regards the generic medicines, which are presently being supplied to the Jan Aushadhi Stores by the Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings, are of standard quality and are manufactured in compliance with the Indian Pharmacopoeial (IP) Standards as required under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules there under. The medicines, which are made available to the Jan Aushadhi Stores, are not only equal in quality but also have the same efficacy and potency as compared to the much expensive branded medicines. This is corroborated by a regular study being conducted by AIIMS, New Delhi to check the quality of medicines being sold at the Jan Aushadhi Stores. According to the reports provided by the AIIMS, all the samples of the Jan Aushadhi generic medicines examined by them meet IP Standards.