

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JAN AUSHADHI OUTLETS

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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of various Jan Aushadhi Outlets in Government hospitals in the country, States/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and the agencies running these outlets;
- (b) the total amount spent and total sales made through these outlets and profit made by the agencies since the inception of the programme;
- (c) the number of Expressions of Interest/proposals received and pending with the Government from the various States Governments particularly Uttar Pradesh for opening Jan Aushadhi Outlets;
- (d) whether the Government has specified any standards of quality for medicines sold through such outlets and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether a study is being conducted by the Government to assess the quality and efficacy of the Jan Aushadhi medicines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) As of 28.02.2013, 149 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened in twelve States, including UT of Chandigarh, in the country but out of this, only 86 are functional as some stores have closed down due to the reasons given in the remarks below the table. The details, including the names of the agencies running these stores, are furnished in the statement given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of JASs opened Managing the Stores	Names of the agency
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| 1. | Andhra Pradesh   | 03 | Hospital Committees  |
| 2. | Haryana          | 04 | Red Cross Society    |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 10 | Rogi Kalyan Samities |
| 4. | Jammu & Kashmir  | 03 | Red cross Society    |
| 5. | Odisha           | 18 | Red Cross Society    |

6. Punjab 23 Red Cross Society/Rogi  
Kalyan Samiti

7. Rajasthan@ 53

8. Uttrakhand 02 Chikitsa Prabhandan  
Samiti

9. West Bengal# 03

10. Chandigarh 03 Red Cross Society

11. Delhi 03 Kendriya Bhandar

12. Jharkhand 24 District Hospital  
Management Societies  
(Rogi Kalyan Samities)

Total 149

In Punjab, two stores at Fatehgarh Sahib and Roop Nagar are non functional due to administrative reasons.

In Haryana, three Jan Aushadhi Stores at Faridabad, Gurgaon and Yamuna Nagar and also Jan Aushadhi Store at NIMS and UPPAL, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh are non-functional due to administrative reasons.

@ In the case of Rajasthan, as per the latest Health Policy of the Government of Rajasthan, free medicines are being given to all the in-patients as well as out-patients visiting the State Government Hospitals for treatment w.e.f. 2nd October, 2011. Accordingly, the State Government has since converted all the existing 53 JASs in the State, besides opening new outlets for free distribution centers for medicines. The matter regarding functioning of JASs in the State has been taken up with the MD, Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation, Government of Rajasthan.

# In the case of West Bengal, the State Government had directed the operating agencies to close the Jan Aushadhi sales in October, 2012 and in place of these Jan Aushadhi stores, fair price stores have been opened by the State Government for sale of medicines from such outlets.

(b) As regards the amount spent so far (upto 28.02.2013), BPPI has incurred an expenditure of Rs.1,86,80,441/- towards the payment of one-time grant of Rs.2.50 lakh per Jan Ausahdhi store on creation of infrastructural facilities and start up cost for such stores. As regards sales of medicines at each outlet since the inception of Jan Aushadhi Programme, no such data as such is maintained in the Department. However, State-wise monthly sales data w.e.f. April, 2010 and the same is attached herewith for the period from April, 2010 to February, 2013, as per Annexure-I. As regards profit made by the agencies, such data is not maintained by the Departement.

(c) A statement is attached as Annexure-II

(d) As regards the quality of generic medicines, which are presently being supplied to the Jan Aushadhi Stores by the Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings, these are manufactured in compliance with the Indian Pharmacopoeial (IP) Standards as required under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules there under.

(e) & (f) 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. As per the 2nd Annual Report for the period 2011-12 submitted by AIIMS to the Department of Pharmaceuticals, all the 83 (42 in 2010-11 & 41 in 2011-12) sample

of the Jan Aushadhi generic medicines examined by them meet IP Standards.