

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

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PROMOTION OF GENERIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote generic medicines in the interest of common people for their use;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for availability of generic medicines;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the formulations of generic medicines in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any action proposed to be taken by the Government against the doctors who are not prescribing the generic medicines and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Government has opened 154 Jan Aushadhi Drug Stores (JADS) in various States / UTs for selling generic drugs at reasonable prices to the common man. The Government has been requesting State /UT administration to assist in opening more and more JADS. A total of 319 medicines including formulation have been identified for sale at these JADS. Wherever Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened, the concerned State Government have been issuing instructions / guidelines to their Doctors in the Government Hospitals to prescribe generic medicines. Similar instructions are also reported to have been issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to the Doctors to prescribe medicines in generic names.