

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

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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN JAS .
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the New Business Plan, the Government has decided to open more Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) in all the States of the country to make medicines available at affordable prices to the common man;
- (b) if so, the mechanism put in place to ensure availability of the medicines at the JAS and the time-limit fixed for opening JAS in each district in the country;
- (c) whether the said medicines are sold at the JAS at subsidised rates;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the names of the medicines made available at the JAS; and
- (e) whether any complaint has been received regarding shortage of medicines at the said stores and if so, the steps taken by the Government for sufficient storage of all essential medicines in the JAS?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The New Business Plan on Jan Aushadhi campaign for making available quality medicines at affordable prices to all, aims to open 3000 stores during the 12th Plan Period. In the initial phase, it is proposed to establish a complete supply chain in the States where Jan Aushadhi Scheme has a substantial presence. Later, the scheme will be extended to other States depending on the response from them.
- (b) To ensure availability medicines at the store, it is proposed to open a minimum of 500 new stores in the current financial year. The projections for opening of minimum number of stores in the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are 750, 1000 and 750 respectively. Further, to enhance availability of drugs at stores, basket of drugs has been widened to 361 medicines. An IT based Management Information system is being put in place to ascertain availability of medicines in stores on a real time basis and supply of medicines through a transparent procurement process and supply chain.
- (c) & (d) No. There is no subsidy component. However, these drugs are low priced. There are 361 drugs covering all therapeutic categories.
- (e) There has been a demand for making available more number of medicines in the JASs. To overcome this constraint, it has been decided to procure remaining medicines from private manufacturers also through open tender process.