

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

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JAN AUSHADHI GENERIC DRUG STORES

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

- (a) whether Jan Aushadhi Generic Drugs Stores (JAGDS) are functional in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the matter regarding functioning JAGDS in Rajasthan has been taken up with the State Government of Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the number of JAGDS set up/functioning in backward Scheduled Castes dominated areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh and the number of JAGDS proposed to be opened in the said areas including Mishrikh in Uttar Pradesh, location-wise?

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) & (b) 53 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) were opened in the State of Rajasthan during the period February, 2009 to July, 2011. The Government of Rajasthan introduced a new health scheme in the name of "Chief Minister Free Medicines Project" w.e.f 02.10.2011 for providing free medicines to all in-patients and out-patients visiting Government Hospitals. Consequently, all the 53 Jan Aushadhi Generic Stores located at different places in the State were converted into free distribution centres by the State Government and sale of Jan Aushadhi medicines was discontinued from these outlets.

(c) & (d) The matter of non-functioning of JAS opened in the State of Rajasthan was discussed by the officials of Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) & MD, Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (RDPL) with the Managing Director, Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Limited (RMSC), Government of Rajasthan on 17.11.2011. This was followed by written communication dated 18.11.2011. During the discussions, it transpired that there was scope for Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Stores to sell such medicines which were outside the range of free distribution including surgicals, consumables and implants etc. and it was agreed that these outlets would be opened in the District Hospitals and managed by RMSC. BPPI will provide necessary financial assistance for furnishing /renovating these Stores. However, no confirmation to this proposal has been received from RMSC.

(e) No record of locations of JAS on the basis of backward/Scheduled Castes dominated areas is maintained. No Jan Aushadhi Store could be opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh in the absence of recommendations of the State Government in the form of providing space in Government Hospitals and nominating the operating agency for running the stores. It has now been decided that the Jan Aushadhi Stores may be opened outside the premises of hospitals also. Any NGO/Charitable Society/ Institution/Self Help group with experience of minimum 3 years of successful operations in welfare activities and unemployed pharmacists/doctors/registered medical practitioners are eligible for applying for opening of drug stores. Expression of Interest was called for on 05.09.2013 from interested Trusts/Societies /NGOs /Unemployed pharmacists etc. for opening of JAS in the state of Uttar Pradesh. So far, 22 applications have been received which are under process.