

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

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JAN AUSHADHI GENERIC DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch its own brand to sell low cost generic medicines under Jan Aushadhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of medicines identified and the time by which these are likely to be made available in the country;
- (c) whether the Government will be able to maintain and monitor quality of all products sold under this brand and the time since when it would be procured from the different firms;
- (d) whether the aforesaid medicines / Jan Aushadhi would be sold in medical stores and also available in public hospitals and if so, the details thereof, and f
- (e) the modalities worked out in this regard and the steps being taken to ensure regular and adequate supply of medicines under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): The Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) under Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been selling quality generic medicines at affordable prices in the name of Jan Aushadhi medicines since 2008. The scheme is being revisited by expanding medicines basket.

(c): The Government is committed to ensure the quality of products to be procured and sold under the Jan Aushadhi brand. To ensure quality, samples of each batch of medicines are got tested from NABL accredited laboratory before put to sale.

(d): To expand the network of sale and to reach out to all sections of the Society, it has been decided to permit sale of Jan Aushadhi Medicines through private retailers in addition to Government hospitals and Jan Aushadhi Stores. The details are being worked out.

(e) To ensure regular and adequate supply of medicines, apart from procurement of medicines from the CPSUs, BPPI supplements supply by direct purchase of medicines from private sector companies through open tender process as per the guidelines issued Central Vigilance Commission.

An IT based management system has been installed to ascertain availability of medicines in stores / stockists on a real time basis. This is being further strengthened,.