

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include medicines for HIV and Cancer, heart and diabetic diseases under the Jan Aushadhi Scheme (JAS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether most of the present Jan Aushadhi Stores (JASs) are not viable due to low sale and non-availability of medicines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard indicating the minimum estimated sale required for JASs to remain viable; and
- (e) the number and location of JASs presently considerable?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b); The Government proposes to include 14 Anti-cancer, 53 Cardio-vascular and 14 Anti-diabetic medicines in the proposed list of items under the Jan Aushadhi Scheme,
- (c), (d) & (e): Based on the existing sales turn-over, many of the Jan Aushadhi Stores do not seem to be viable. No study has however been carried out to estimate the minimum sale required to make a Jan Aushadhi Store viable as it would depend on various factors including the location of the Jan Aushadhi Store Steps are however being taken to make them viable. These include
- (i) expanding the basket of medicines
 - (ii) strengthening the supply chain management for un-interrupted supply of medicines
 - (iii) increase in retail margin and
 - (iv) supply of surgical items.