

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF JAGDS

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

- (a) the number of Jan Aushadhi Generic Drugs Stores (JAGDS) set up/ functional across the country and the number of such Stores closed down along with the reasons therefor, location-wise;
- (b) the details of JAGDS set up in various parts of the country including Jharkhand and Karnataka during each of the last three years and the current year, state/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of target fixed and achievement made for setting up of JAGDS during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more such stores across the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such stores are likely to be opened and made functional, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the mechanism put in place to ensure availability of the medicines at each of the said stores?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND):

(a) Up to 31.07.2014, 166 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) have been opened. Number of stores opened and functional are Punjab 24 (21), Delhi 4(4), Haryana 4(1), Rajasthan 53(0), Chandigarh 3 (3), Himachal Pradesh 10 (9), Tripura 1 (1), Madhya Pradesh 1 (1), Andhra Pradesh 3 (0), Odisha 22(22), West Bengal 3 (0), Uttarakhand 5(0), Jammu & Kashmir 8(8), Jharkhand 24(19) and Maharashtra 1(1). Out of 166 JAS opened, 76 are non-functional. 76 JAS including 53 in the State of Rajasthan are non-functional on account of change in health policy of the state Governments and due to administrative reasons.

(b) & (c): 626 JAS were proposed to be opened during the period 2008-2012. However up to 31.03.2013, only 154 JAGDS could be opened. 19 JAS has been opened so far in Jharkhand during the last three years and no JAS has been opened in the State of Karnataka. The State /UT wise details of JAS set up in various parts of the country including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir, The Government proposes to open more JAS during the next three years of the current plan period. Expression of Interest have been invited for opening of JAS in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. 65 applications received have been processed and action initiated for opening of stores. Expression of Interests are being invited from other States as well. In addition, proposals from State Government nominated agencies have been received for opening of 33 JAS in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Odisha, UT of Lakshadweep and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(f) To ensure availability of the medicines at each of the JAS, medicines are being procured from Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings and private manufacturers. An IT based management information system is being used and a Warehouse has been created to keep adequate stock and maintain uninterrupted supply of medicines.