

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

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AVAILABILITY OF LOW PRICED GENERIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of availability of low priced generic medicines at Jan Aushadhi outlets in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government had received application for expression of interest to supply medicines at Government prices to Jan Aushadhi outlets;
- (d) if so, whether these applications have been examined and the steps taken by the Government to improve the availability of medicines at Jan Aushadhi outlets;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): The number of generic drugs being supplied to the Jan Aushadhi Generic Drug Outlets in the country is being increased steadily. It is evident from the fact that when the first Jan Aushadhi Outlet was opened in the Civil Hospital, Amritsar on 25-11-2008, the Central Pharma Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) could supply only about 50 drugs which were meant for open sale. With the active involvement of CPSUs, the generic medicine supplies is now about 230.

(c) to (f): The expression of interest was invited in the month of December, 2008. The applications received in response to the expression of interest were scrutinized and they were found to be not meeting all the requisite criteria. Hence, the process could not be continued further.