

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the decision of the Cabinet, an Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (F) was constituted to evaluate all options for revival of closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL) including Ramagundam unit of FCIL and make suitable recommendations for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). Based on the recommendations of the ECOS, a proposal was sent to CCEA, wherein it was proposed to revive the Ramagundam unit of FCIL through a consortium of National Fertilizer Limited and Engineers India Limited. The CCEA, in its meeting held on 4th August 2011 considered the proposals and approved the same with the stipulation that Board for Industrial and Financial Restructuring (BIFR) proceedings be expedited and thereafter, the matter including changes, if any, required in bid parameters, be placed before the Committee for a final decision.

Opening of more Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores

2676. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Government to open Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores countrywide to make drugs and medicines available to people at affordable prices;
- (b) the number of Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores opened so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to make the low-cost medicines available to people by setting up some more Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores in all the States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The Government of India, Department of Pharmaceuticals, launched Jan Aushadhi Campaign in November, 2008 by way of opening Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores in the Government Hospitals. To begin with, at least one Jan Aushadhi Medical Store in each district was to be opened, wherever the State Governments extend their support and cooperation in allotting the space and also identifying the agency to manage such stores, to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all.

(b) Till today, 111 such Jan Aushadhi Medical Stores were opened in different States/UTs. The State-wise break up is as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of JASs opened
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	03

1	2	3
2.	Haryana	04
3.	Himachal Pradesh	04
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	01
5.	Odisha	14
6.	Punjab	21
7.	Rajasthan	53
8.	Uttarakhand	02
9.	West Bengal	03
10.	Chandigarh	03
11.	Delhi	03
TOTAL :		111

Note:— Out of 111, 7 stores (1 in Andhra Pradesh, 2 in Haryana and 4 in Punjab) are not presently functional.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Jan Aushadhi Generic Medical Stores are being opened to make quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to the people wherever the State Governments extend their support and cooperation in allotting the space in Government Hospitals and also identifying the agency to manage such stores. Therefore, opening up of more stores depends upon the support and cooperation the State Government extends in allotting the space and identifying the agency to manage such stores.

Price hike of fertilizers

†2677. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of fertilizers have been hiked recently;
- (b) whether this hike would be applicable to fertilizers being produced in the country besides imported fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the rationale behind it;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.