

(b) whether Government has introduced any new criteria for the appointment of bank Directors; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) As per the information received from Public Sector Banks (PSBs), detail of the number of senior officers (Scale-V and above) in PSBs against whom inquiries have been initiated for unscrupulous activities, is as follows:

01.4.2011 - 31.3.2012	01.4.2012 - 31.3.2013	01.4.2013 - 31.3.2014	01.4.2014 - 31.10.2014
147	181	176	106

(b) and (c) In order to bring in transparency and objectivity, the Government has implemented reforms in the selection process for appointment of Whole Time Directors on the Boards of PSBs. The Government has expanded the interview board/subcommittee of the Appointments Board from five members to six members so that there are three sub-panels comprising of the two members each. Each sub-panel interacts with candidates separately and at the end of interview process, weighted average of marks is taken as candidate's marks for the interview. These reforms have brought in transparency and objectivity in the appointment of Chairman & Managing Directors and Executive Directors of PSBs.

Fair Price Medicine Shops and Diagnostic Centres

3410. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to introduce Fair Price Medicine Shops, as done by the State Government of West Bengal, so that the burden of medicine expenses on the common man is reduced;

(b) whether similar steps are being contemplated for Fair Price Diagnostic Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) No. However, the Department of Pharmaceuticals is operating Jan Aushadhi Programme through the Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of

India (BPPI). Under the Programme, Jan Aushadhi Stores in various States/UTs provide quality generic drugs at reasonable prices that are much lower than the prices of branded drugs. Till date, 173 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened, out of which 102 are functional.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

**Non-availability of medicines with CGHS Ayurvedic
Dispensary, Gole Market**

3411. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that medicines are not available in the CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensary No. 76, Kalibari, Gole Market, New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any complaint regarding this has been received by Government; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against the complaint?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) There is some problem in the availability of Ayurveda medicines in CGHS Delhi including Kalibari Marg CGHS Wellness Centre, There was delay in provisioning of medicines for the current year due to administrative reasons like shifting of the Store to a new location resulting in late submission of supply order to the supplier (Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited).

(c) Complaints have been received from the beneficiaries for non availability of medicines.

- (d)
 1. New Authorized Local Chemist has been appointed from October, 2014 for supply of essential medicines which are not available in the dispensaries.
 2. Provisioning of medicines has been completed and Supply Order has been placed with M/s. IMPCL on 12/12/2014.
 3. Initial problems in availing Local Chemist supply has been streamlined by the Ayurveda Stores, CGHS Delhi.