

**Procuring medicines for sale under Jan Aushadhi Scheme**

1805. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to procure essential medicines in bulk from public as well as private drug manufacturing firms to sell under “Jan Aushadhi” brand to ensure availability of medicines at affordable rate; and

(b) if so, the number of essential medicines that have been identified for procurement, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) and (b) 178 Jan Aushadhi Stores have been opened across the country since the inception of the scheme against which only 98 are functional as on date. The scheme is being revisited to expand its reach across the country. Details are being worked out by Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) in consultation with Department of Pharmaceuticals.

**Shortage of urea and insecticides in Madhya Pradesh**

†1806. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in Madhya Pradesh, during Rabi season (January- February, 2015) there was an acute shortage of urea and insecticides and farmers were distributed insecticides in the presence of police;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the reason for shortage of insecticides; and

(c) whether Government is going to take any planned action to provide seeds and insecticides to farmers on time and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) to (c) Details of requirement and availability of urea in Madhya Pradesh during Rabi season (January-February, 2015) are given as under:-

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