

(b) whether the Ministry has received any response from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in this regard; and

(c) the specific time-limit within which Government intends to resolve this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR) : (a) to (c) The matter is under examination with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Bringing more medicines under Jan Aushadhi Scheme

1817. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring more medicines under “Jan Aushadhi” brand to ensure availability of medicine at affordable rates to all;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the number of essential medicines identified so far for the purpose; and

(c) by when these medicines will be made available in the retail market, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) 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.

Sale of adulterated fertilizers

† 1818. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of adulterated fertilizers are available in open market for sale, if so the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.