

(b) whether Government has conducted any surveyor study across the country in respect of availability of essential and life saving drugs for the common/poor people, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure easy availability of drugs to the common/poor people at affordable prices, State/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) There has been significant progress in the performance of Pharma Industry in the country during the last few years. The Department has not conducted any surveyor study across the country in respect of availability of essential and life saving drugs for the common/poor people of the country. However National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is entrusted with the job of monitoring the availability of medicines and to take remedial steps to ensure that medicines are available in the country. NPPA is carrying out this responsibility mainly through State Drugs Controllers and other available sources and information. NPP A has also launched a Pharma Jan Samadhan Scheme (PJS) on 12th March, 2015. The primary objectives of PJS is to put in place a speedy and effective complaint redressal system with respect to availability of medicines, overpricing of medicines, sale of 'new drugs' without prior price approval and refusal of supply or sale of medicines.

As regards prices of essential medicines, NPP A has already notified the ceiling prices in respect of 521 medicines till date out of 628 essential medicines specified in the scheduled category of DPCO, 2013. The ceiling prices so fixed and notified by the NPPA in respect of scheduled formulations under DPCO, 2013 are applicable to both imported and indigenous produced medicines. No person is authorized to sell any such formulation to any consumer at a price higher than that fixed by NPP A. In respect of other medicines not covered under scheduled category of DPCO, 2013, the manufacturers are allowed to increase maximum retail price upto 10 per cent annually.

Jan Aushadhi Scheme

150. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing Jan Aushadhi Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the number of districts in which it is being implemented in the country and the details of generic medicines made available through this scheme;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to implement this scheme throughout the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) The Government has been implementing the Jan Aushadhi Scheme launched in 2008 for providing access to quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all with suitable policy changes from time-to-time. At present, the scheme is operational in 99 districts of 11 States and one UT. The details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

Out of 361 medicines identified for supply from Jan Aushadhi Stores, BPPI - the implementing agency is at present in a position to supply 220 medicines. The basket of medicines is being expanded to cover more number of medicines.

(c) and (d) The Government intends to spread the scheme throughout the country. However, this requires active support of State Governments by way of providing space in Government Hospitals and identifying operating agency for running the Jan Aushadhi Stores. The Department of Pharmaceuticals has been persuading the State Governments in this regard from time to time. In this regard, the Department held a meeting with a group of State Health Secretaries recently.

Statement

Jan Aushadhi Stores

Sl. No.	State	District	Date of Opening
1.	Punjab (21)	Amritsar	25.11.08
2.		Mohali	23.02.09
3.		Bhatinda	02.03.09
4.		Ludhiana	17.06-09/08.09.11
5.		Jalandhar	17.06-09
6.		Patiala	29.06.09
7.		Moga	30.06.09
8.		Faridkot	30.06.09
9.		Ferozpur	04.09.09
10.		Mansa	12.09.09
11.		Sangrur	01.10.09
12.		Barnala	01.10.09
13.		Nava Sahar (Sahid Bhagat Singh Naoar)	03.12.09

Sl. No.	State	District	Date of Opening
14.		Hoshiarpur	11.12.09
15.		Taran Taran	13.12.09
16.		Muktsar	18.12.09/re-opened on 05.09.2011
17.		Gurdaspur	29.12.09
18.		Civil Hospital, Pathankot	09.05.11
19.		Abohar	30.11.11
20.		Civil Hospital, Nabha, District Patiala	03.04.12
21.		Civil Hospital, Jalalabad	31.05.13
22.	Haryana (2)	Panchkula	23.02.09
23.		Faridabad (Private)	07.02.15
24.	Delhi (4)	Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi	05.02.09
25.		Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Shahdara	13.11.09
26.		Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Hari Nagar	11.02.10
27.		Delhi Consumer Cooperative Store, Moti Nagar #	04.06.13
28.	Odisha (23)	Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar	06.03.10
29.		Red Cross Bhavan, Unit-IX, Bhubaneswar	06.03.10
30.		District HQ Hospital, Khordha	06.03.10
31.		District HQ Hospital, Dhenkanal	25.03.10
32.		District HQ Hospital, Koraput	11.06.10
33.		District HQ Hospital, Angul	09.07.10
34.		District HQ Hospital, Nabrangpur	15.08.10
35.		District HQ Hospital, Baragarh	03.10.10
36.		District HQ Hospital, Nayagarh	26.03.11
37.		District HQ Hospital, Berhampur	11.04.11
38.		District HQ Hospital, Jajpur	13.04.11
39.		District HQ Hospital, Puri	19.04.11

Sl. No.	State	District	Date of Opening
40.		District HQ Hospital, Naupada	30.04.11
41.		District HQ Hospital, Baripada Mayurbhanj	12.05.11
42.		District HQ Hospital, Balasore	28.04.12
43.		District HQ Hospital, Jeypore	15.09.12
44.		District HQ Hospital, Bhawanipatana	01.12.12
45.		District HQ Hospital, Phulbani	22.02.13
46.		District HQ Hospital, Bhadrak	08.03.13
47.		District HQ Hospital, Keonjhar	19.03.13
48.		District HQ Hospital, Malkangiri	01.06.13
49.		District HQ Hospital Peralakhemundi/Gajapati	21.12.13
50.		Boudh (Private)	02.02.15
51.	Chandigarh (3)	PGIMER, Chandigarh	16.11.09
52.		Govt. Medical College Hospital, Sector-32	04.08.10
53.		Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector-16	02.02.11
54.	Jammu and Kashmir (11)	Red Cross Building, Exchange Road, Srinagar.	09.05.11
55.		District Hospital, Leh	09.01.12
56.		MMAB hospital, Anantnag	01.05.12
57.		Udhampur	14.11.13
58.		District Hospital, Doda	15.11.13
59.		Reasi, Jammu,	3.3.14
60.		District Hospital, Pulwama	15.04.14
61.		District Hospital, Kargil	17.05.14
62.		GMCH, Jammu	11.12.14
63.		SMGS, Jammu	01.02.15
64.		District Hospital, Ramban, Jammu	04.03.15

Sl. No.	State	District	Date of Opening
65.	Himachal Pradesh (10)	Zonal Hospital, Mandi	18.06.11
66.		Zonal Hospital, Tanda	19.08.11
67.		Zonal Hospital, Dharamshala	30.08.11
68.		Regional Hospital, Chamba	18.11.11
69.		Regional Hospital, Hamirpur	01.04.12
70.		IGMC Shimla	27.12.13
71.		Una	9.1.14
72.		DDU, Shimla	07.12.2011/ Re-opened on 07.03.2014
73.		Regional Hospital, Kullu	Re-opened in July, 2014
74.		Civil Hospital, Solan	Re-opened in October, 2014
75.	Jharkhand (19)	District Hospital, Sahibganj	15.08.2012
76.		District Hospital, Latehar	15.08.2012
77.		District Hospital, Jamtara # #	15.08.2012
78.		District Hospital, RIIMS Ranchi	22.08.2012
79.		District Hospital, Simdega	23.08.2012
80.		District Hospital, Gumla	29.08.2012
81.		District Hospital, Chatra	15.08.2012
82.		District Hospital, Godda # #	16.08.2012
83.		District Hospital, Ranchi	22.08.2012
84.		District Hospital, Dhanbad	31.08.2012
85.		District Hospital, Bokaro # #	15.08.2012
86.		Saraikela # #	15.08.2012
87.		District Hospital, Lohardaga	31.08.2012
88.		District Hospital, Chaibasa	25.09.2012
89.		District Hospital, Giridih # #	09.09.2012
90.		District Hospital, Khuti # #	28.08.2012
91.		District Hospital, Hazaribagh # #	31.08.2012

Sl. No.	State	District	Date of Opening
92.		District Hospital, Garhwa	15.10.2012
93.		District Hospital, Koderma # #	09.01.2013
94.	Tripura (4)	GBP Hospital, Agartala	20.03.2014
95.		IGM Hospital, Agartala	28.09.2014
96.		TMC, Agartala	06.12.2014
97.		Gomati District Hospital	31.03.2015
98.	Maharashtra (1)	HA Campus, Pimpri, Pune	26.07.2014
99.	Madhya Pradesh (5)	AIIMS, Bhopal	30.07.2014
100.		Old Palasia, Indore	13.09.2014
101.		Near Civil Hospital, Chhindwara	25.09.2014
102.		Near Civil Hospital, Narsinghpur	27.09.2014
103.		Near Medical College, Sagar	02.02.2015
104.	Uttarakhand (4)	Doon Hospital, Dehradun \$	09.11.2009
105.		Rishikesh \$	07.03.2013
106.		Vikasnagar \$	07.03.2013
107.		Sahaspur \$	07.03.2013
108.	Uttar Pradesh (1)	Sultanpur	13.12.2014

- # Non-functional as reported by Nodal Officer, Delhi. Efforts are being made to make it functional.
- ## The Nodal Officer of Jharkhand who has recently joined has reported closure of these stores. However efforts are being made to get them reopened.
- \$ Jan Aushadhi stores at Sl. No. 104 to 107 are functional. However medicines are not being procured from BPPI and are being locally procured. Health Department of the State Government is being persuaded to procure the medicines from BPPI.

Pricing of medical devices

151. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has asked the medical device companies to reveal the maximum retail price of the medical devices they sell in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NPPA has also pointed out the media reports about profit margins on devices like cardiac stents orthopaedic implants etc. leading to patients being charged exorbitant prices; and