

Sale of drugs through Jan Aushadhi Stores

153. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of 504 drugs that Government is planning to sell through Jan Aushadhi Stores (JASs) in the country;

(b) the details of JASs through which it is planning to sell the above drugs, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is planning to give a separate brand to the 504 medicines; and

(d) whether Government would also sell medical devices at a subsidized price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (d) To provide access to more number of medicines under the Jan Aushadhi scheme, the Government proposes to expand the existing basket of 361 medicines. The details are being worked out.

Jan Aushadhi Store in Tamil Nadu

154. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not opened any Jan Aushadhi Store (JAS) in Tamil Nadu, since inception of this scheme in November, 2008; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) The Government intends to open Jan Aushadhi Stores in all the States. 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 matter has been taken up with all the States including Tamil Nadu but has received no response from Tamil Nadu.

Revival of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited

155. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL)-the first Public Sector Undertakings in the Pharmaceutical Sector, is ailing and the workmen are starving due to lack of necessary approvals from Government;