

| District | Yearly Plan | Availability | Sales |
|------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Mumbai | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 |
| Nagpur | 20.14 | 27.33 | 16.63 |
| Nanded | 33.48 | 58.91 | 32.90 |
| Nandurbar | 11.89 | 6.97 | 9.67 |
| Nashik | 34.41 | 53.40 | 30.82 |
| Osmanabad | 12.76 | 15.66 | 13.44 |
| Palghar | 3.96 | 1.54 | 1.62 |
| Parbhani | 21.94 | 31.25 | 19.85 |
| Pune | 27.98 | 27.76 | 21.04 |
| Raigarh | 3.75 | 1.15 | 1.07 |
| Ratnagiri | 6.18 | 5.36 | 5.08 |
| Sangli | 23.24 | 38.09 | 14.64 |
| Satara | 16.96 | 17.98 | 12.50 |
| Sindhudurg | 4.42 | 2.49 | 2.83 |
| Solapur | 17.85 | 25.48 | 17.06 |
| Thane | 3.20 | 0.84 | 0.72 |
| Wardha | 19.60 | 37.33 | 20.94 |
| Washim | 8.35 | 11.11 | 8.73 |
| Yavatmal | 22.06 | 29.87 | 32.40 |
| TOTAL | 626.17 | 819.74 | 567.51 |

Ensuring availability of generic medicines at affordable rates

1496. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure the availability of generic medicines at affordable rate to public at large in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to augment the existing Public Sector pharma company set up to ensure the availability of generic medicines at affordable rate in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes Sir. In order to ensure the availability of quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, a countrywide

campaign in the name of 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP) is presently being implemented. As on 25.07.2017, 2052 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' are functional in 31 States/UTs of the country. Presently, more than 600 medicines, 154 surgicals and consumables are available in the product basket of the scheme.

(b) Out of the present product basket of the scheme, only some medicines are procured from Central Pharma Sector Undertakings (CPSUs).

New centres of CIPET in backward and tribal districts of Chhattisgarh

†1497. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, apart from Raipur, Government proposes to establish Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET) in backward and tribal-dominated districts of Chhattisgarh also, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any proposal has been received from State Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Government of India approved setting up 16 centres of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) in different parts of the country including one centre in Chhattisgarh at Raipur during 2015-16 to 2018-19. Requests have been received from Government of Chhattisgarh to set up CIPET centres at Jagdalpur, Korba and Rajnandgaon. As the Government of India has to ensure full utilization of the facilities at the existing centres in a State before considering a new centre based on justification and availability of resources, no further proposal for setting up of CIPET centre in Chhattisgarh can be considered at the present juncture.

Revival of closed fertilizer plants

1498. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to revive closed fertilizer plants with the help of cash-rich Public Sector energy companies;

(b) if so, the number of closed fertilizer plants in the country and the number of fertilizer plants proposed to be revived under the plan; and

(c) the details and time-frame for implementation of the plan?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.