

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †1516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2017**

Promotion of Generic Drugs

†1516. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any campaign/scheme has been launched by the Government for promotion of generic drugs during the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the patients/people living below poverty line have availed the benefit of the campaign/scheme launched by the Government for promotion of the generic drugs during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether all the Government hospitals are following the guidelines of the campaign/scheme launched by the Government to promote generic drugs and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS;
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) & (b) Yes Madam. In order to provide relief to the common man in the area of healthcare, a scheme for ensuring availability of quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, in the name of 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP) is being implemented. As on 20.07.2017, 2025 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras' are functional in 31 States/UTs of the country under the scheme. Presently, more than 600 medicines and 154 surgicals and consumables are available in the product basket of the scheme for all citizens, including the patients living below poverty line.
- (c) The scheme is presently operational in some Government hospitals where the respective State Government has provided space to run the PMBJP Kendra along with other operational support like Pharmacist. The Government is making efforts to persuade more State Governments to adopt the scheme for their Government hospitals/dispensaries, etc.
