

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024**

AMRIT PHARMACIES

†1312. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (Amrit) pharmacies in the tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the sites identified in Rajasthan for their purpose for the financial year 2023-24;
- (c) whether some mechanism is in place to ensure that all modern and Ayush herbal medicines are available in Amrit pharmacies in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the availability of skilled health professionals in the Amrit pharmacies in the tribal areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT Pharmacy), a novel initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aims to provide affordable medicines for treatment of cancer, cardio vascular and other diseases. HLL Lifecare Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is the nodal agency for implementing the same on pan India basis.

There is only one AMRIT Pharmacy in the state of Rajasthan and it is operational in the campus of AIIMS Jodhpur.

AMRIT Pharmacies are dispensing branded / branded generic Allopathic medicines, surgicals and implants mainly in tertiary care hospitals. These items are mainly needed in tertiary care hospitals and AMRIT Pharmacies are offering as a single point solution for all the medical item requirements of tertiary care hospitals. In major Institutes like AIIMS Raipur, AIIMS Bhopal etc., where Ayush Block is also operational within the campus along with other allopathic blocks, AMRIT Pharmacies are dispensing Ayurvedic medicines also. AMRIT Pharmacy is employing skilled professionals of Pharmacy ground (D. Pharm, B Pharm etc.) for the day to day operations.
