

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2648
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd August, 2016**

Generic Drug Stores at Block Level

**2648. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Generic Drug stores at Block level in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details regarding the guidelines for setting up of such stores, terms and conditions for the purpose along with the future prospects thereunder?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) to (c): To make quality drugs available at affordable prices to people under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), it has been decided to open 3000 Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) under the Yojana across the country by the end of March, 2017.
- (d) In order to open JAS proposed within Government hospital premises, a one-time financial assistance is provided to the extent of Rs. 2.50 lakh (Rs. 1 Lakh for furnishing, Rs. 50000/- for computer and peripherals, refrigerator etc and another Rs. 1 Lakh worth medicines to commence operation). The margin available for the retailers is 20% so as to ensure a reasonable level of profitability for them.

In addition to the retailers' margin upto 20%, incentive @ 15% of monthly sales subject to a ceiling of Rs 10,000/ per month upto a total of Rs. 2.50 lakhs, is also given to the JAS opened outside the government hospitals. For the stores

opened in North Eastern States and other difficult areas i.e. Naxal affected areas/Tribal areas etc., the rate of incentive is 15% of monthly sale subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month up to a total limit of Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

State Governments / Local bodies/individuals entrepreneurs/pharmacists, Doctors/registered medical practitioners/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Trust/Social/Charitable institutions/private hospitals/ self help groups, having B. Pharma degree or D. Pharma diploma are eligible for opening of JAS. Applicant should have own or hired space of minimum 120 sq. ft.. Detailed guidelines are also available at the website janaushadhi.gov.in.
