

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3816
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9nd August, 2016**

Generic Medicines

**3816. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:
SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage doctors to prescribe generic medicines as they are much cheaper than the branded drugs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government plans to open Jan Aushadhi Stores in all medical colleges, district hospitals and also in all private hospitals and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether consultations have been held with the Indian Medical Association and the Medical Council of India to boost generic drug consumption in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome 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) : As per Clause 1.5 “Use of Generic names of drugs” of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002: “Every physician should, as far as possible, prescribe drugs with generic names and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.
- (b) : Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY), Jan Aushadhi Stores can be opened in all the medical colleges, district hospitals and also in private hospitals on application.

(c) and (d) : The representatives of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Medical Council of India (MCI) participate actively in the meetings and seminars convened for promoting PMJAY.
