33% of generic medicine stores non-functional

New Delhi: Over one-third of generic drug stores or Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS), which started during UPA rule, are lying defunct across states.

In a reply in Lok Sabha, MoS (Chemical & fertiliser) Nishad Chand said till July 166 JAS had been opened and 38 of them are non-functional.

The states where more such stores are functional include Odisha, Punjab, Jharkhand and Jammu & Kashmir. While Odisha has a maximum of 22 such stores operational, Punjab has such 21.

None of the stores in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Uttarakhand is operational. In Rajasthan a maximum of 23 stores are non-functional.