

## 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 & fertilizer) Nihal Chand said till July, 166 JAS had been opened and 76 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 53 stores are non-functional. TNN

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