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PRESS RELEASE

Hon'ble Opposition Leader has issued a press release today (20.11.2021) alleging that the Tamil Nadu Government has been closing the Amma Pharmacies. It is a wrong allegation.

Cooperative Department has been running 305 pharmaceutical outlets, of which 131 are Amma Pharmacies and the rest 174 are Cooperative Medical Stores.

The Tamil Nadu Government, after assuming charge, has not closed any one of the Amma pharmacies. Rather, the Government has increased the number of Amma Pharmacy outlets from 126 to 131.

Tamil Nadu Government has realized that the poor people are getting benefitted by the Cooperative Medical outlets, as we are giving 20% discount. Because of this only, the Government has not only increased the number of Amma Pharmacies outlets, but also Hon'ble Chief Minister himself made a budget announcement that in the 5 years, additional 300 pharmacy outlets will be opened across the State at the rate of 60 per year.

By this, action is being taken to start 75 new pharmacies in the current year, as again the target of 60, in the following Districts:-

1)	Pudukottai District	-	2
2)	Dindigul District	-	2
3)	Chennai District	-	4
4)	Erode District	-	2
5)	Madurai District	-	2
6)	Theni District	-	2
7)	Tirunelveli District	-	2
8)	Thiruvallur District	-	2
9)	Vellore District	-	2
10)	Ranipet District	-	2
11)	Chenglepet District	-	2
12)	Ramanathapuram District	-	2
13)	Trichy District	-	2
14)	Kancheepuram District	-	2
15)	Virudhunagar District	-	2
16)	Thanjavur District	-	2
17)	Kanniyakumari District	-	2
18)	Mayiladuthurai District	-	2
19)	Perambalur District	-	2
20)	Sivagangai District	-	2
21)	Ariyalur District	-	2
22)	Cuddalore District	-	2
23)	Dharmapuri District	-	1
24)	Krishnagiri District	-	2
25)	Nagapattinam District	-	2
26)	Namakkal District	-	1
27)	Salem District	-	2
28)	Tirupur District	-	2
29)	Tiruvannamalai District	-	2

30)	Villupuram District	-	2
31)	Kallakurichi District	-	2
32)	Tiruvarur District	-	2
33)	Thoothukudi District	-	2
34)	Tenkasi District	-	2
35)	Tirupathur District	-	2
36)	Coimbatore District	-	2
37)	Karur District	-	2
38)	Nilgiris District	-	1
	TOTAL	-	75

The 131 Amma Pharmacies have sold medicines to the tune of Rs.44.88 Crores in the current fiscal (up to 31.10.2021). Similarly, all the 174 Cooperative Medical Shops sold medicines have sold medicines worth of Rs.48.21 Crores. Put together, all the 305 Cooperative pharmacies have so far did a business to the tune of Rs.93.09 Crores.

Moreover, steps are being taken by the Cooperative Department to go for centralized procurement by which it has been decided to increase the sales further in addition to benefit thousands of poor people.

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