

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

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION No. 144  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**Financial assistance for Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras**

**144 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the **Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras set up in the country, during the last two years;
- (b) whether Government is providing a financial assistance up to ₹ five lakhs, if the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras are set up within the hospital premises;
- (c) the total number of the Jan Aushadhi Kendras targeted to be set up in the country, by the year 2024; and
- (d) the details of benefits being extended to the common people of the country through Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(Dr. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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- (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the RAJYA SABHA STARRED Q.NO. 144 (9th POSITION) for answer on 20.12.2022 raised by Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha regarding Financial assistance for Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Kendras**

(a): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, about 2,304 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) were opened during last two Financial years (2020-21 and 2021-22).

(b): All Pradhan Mantri Bharitya Janaushadhi Kendra owners are eligible to receive financial assistance up to a limit of Rs. 5.00 lakh @ 15% of monthly purchases made, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month as incentive. Further, one-time additional incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh (as reimbursement for IT & infrastructure expenditure) is provided to the PMBJP Kendras opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and backward areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, Divyang and SC & ST.

(c): It is targeted to have a total of 10,000 PMBJKs in the country by March, 2024.

(d): The scheme has made an impact on common masses by providing quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all, especially the poor and the deprived ones. Further, it provides self-employment with sustainable and regular earnings and generate employment at various levels. Till 30.11.2022, about 8,916 PMBJKs have been opened across the country.

About 1,759 medicines and 280 surgical devices have been brought under the product basket covering all major therapeutic groups. Further, Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkins are also being made available for sale @ Rs.1/ per pad only.

During financial year 2021-22, Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) had made sales of Rs. 893.56 crore which led to estimated savings of approximately Rs. 5,300 crore to the citizens. During the current financial year 2022-23 till 30.11.2022, PMBI has already made sales to the tune of about Rs. 758 crore which has led to estimated savings of approximately Rs. 4,500 crore to the citizens.

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