

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1461  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP)**

**1461 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:**

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

- (a) the details of achievements made by Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP) since its inception;
- (b) the current progress of the PMBJP along with the schemes being evolved for its expansion in future;
- (c) the type of medicines and the number of diseases for which medicines are being made available for sale through the PMBJP;
- (d) the number of centres opened in different districts of Maharashtra so far; and
- (e) whether Government has taken any action to promote the PMBJP Scheme and if so, the outcome thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

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(a) & (b): With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all especially the poor and the deprived ones, *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) was launched by the government in the year 2008. Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) are opened all over the country to provide generic medicines to the masses. Till 30.11.2022, about 8,916 PMBJKs have been opened across the country.

During financial year 2021-22, Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the scheme had made sales of about 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 made sales of about Rs. 758 crore which has led to estimated savings of approximately Rs. 4,500 crore to the citizens. The government has decided to open 10,000 PMBJKs by March 2024. Recently, PMBI has invited online applications from more than 3,500 blocks in 404 districts of the country for opening of more PMBJKs.

(c): About 1,759 medicines and 280 surgical devices have been brought under the product basket covering all major therapeutic groups, viz., Analgesic & Antipyretic / Anti-inflammatory, Antidiabetic, Anti-biotic and Anti-Fungal, Cardiovascular System (CVS), Central Nerve System (CNS), Dermatology/Topical / External, Supplements / Vitamins &

Minerals, Eye / Ear drops, Gastrointestinal (GIT), Respiratory, Anti-cancer, Steroids & Hormones, etc. Further, Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkins are also being made available for sale @ Rs.1/ per pad only.

(d): Till 30.11.2022, about 634 PMBJKs have been opened in the state of Maharashtra. District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in the state of Maharashtra is attached as **Annexure**.

(e): Department of Pharmaceuticals/ PMBI periodically requests State /UT Governments/ district administration to create awareness about the scheme and provide rent free space for opening Janaushadhi Kendras in Community Health Centre (CHC)/Primary Health Centre (PHC)/ Government Hospitals for opening PMBJP kendras. Department/ PMBI is also spreading awareness about the scheme through advertisements in Print Media, Radio, TV & Cinema as well as Outdoor publicity like Hoardings, Bus Queue Shelter branding, Bus branding, Auto wrapping, etc. In addition, public is educated about the benefits of Jan Aushadhi generic medicines and the scheme through social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, etc. regularly. Further, *Jan Aushadhi Diwas* is celebrated every year on 7<sup>th</sup> March for further dissemination and spreading awareness about the Scheme. The increased awareness about the scheme has resulted in more number of Kendras, enhanced product basket and increase in sale by PMBJKs across the country.

**Annexure**

**Statement referred to in part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1461 for answer on 20.12.2022 raised by Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik regarding Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP)**

<b>District-wise list of PMBJKs opened in Maharashtra as on 30.11.2022</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Number of Kendras</b>
1.	Ahmednagar	14
2.	Akola	10
3.	Amravati	10
4.	Aurangabad_Mh	14
5.	Beed	33
6.	Bhandara	1
7.	Buldhana	35
8.	Chandrapur	6
9.	Dhule	6
10.	Gadchiroli	1
11.	Gondia	5
12.	Hingoli	11
13.	Jalgaon	14
14.	Jalna	30
15.	Kolhapur	14
16.	Latur	55
17.	Mumbai	57
18.	Mumbai Suburban	6
19.	Nagpur	12
20.	Nanded	21
21.	Nandurbar	3
22.	Nashik	21
23.	Osmanabad	16
24.	Palghar	25
25.	Parbhani	17
26.	Pune	41
27.	Raigad	12
28.	Ratnagiri	1
29.	Sangli	23
30.	Satara	16
31.	Sindhudurg	2
32.	Solapur	21
33.	Thane	59
34.	Wardha	3
35.	Washim	9
36.	Yavatmal	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>634</b>

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