

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st August, 2023

Janaushadhi Kendras in Maharashtra

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

- (a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras opened/expanded as decided in the meeting of Committee of Secretaries set up by Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2015, to deliberate on health-related issues as on 31.12.2021;
- (b) the number of such Kendras running in Maharashtra as on date and the performance of them;
- (c) whether Government is planning to increase Janaushadhi Kendras in the State of Maharashtra; and (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): With a view to make quality generic medicines at affordable prices available to all, '*Jan Aushadhi Scheme*' was launched by the Government in November, 2008 with a target to open at least one *Jan Aushadhi Kendra* in every district of the country. About 80 *Kendras* were opened in the country till 2014-15. During 2015-16, the scheme was revamped and relaunched as '*Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana*' (PMBJP) with a target to set up 3,000 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) in the country. The said target was achieved in December, 2017. About 8,640 PMBJKs were opened till 31.12.2021. The number of *Kendras* have since grown to about 9,512 as on 30.06.2023.

(b): About 650 PMBJKs have been opened in the State of Maharashtra as on 30.06.2023. During the financial year 2022-23, sale of about Rs. 12.59 crore has been made through these *Kendras* in the state of Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): A target to open 10,000 PMBJKs by March, 2024 has been decided. No State/UT-wise specific target has, however, been kept.
