

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 502
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

Works undertaken by PMJAKs

502 # Smt. Seema Dwivedi:

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

- (a) the names of diseases for which medicines are made available through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAK);
- (b) the details of the progressive works being executed under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi pariyojana as well as the steps to be taken by Government for expansion of this project in future; and
- (c) the number of centres set up across the country, so far under the above scheme and the number of beneficiaries of these centres for the last two years, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): With a view to make quality generic medicines at affordable prices available to all, the Government has launched '*Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana*' (PMBJP). As on 30.06.2023, about 9,512 launched '*Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras*' have been opened across the country. State / UT- wise list of PMBJKs is enclosed as **Annexure**.

The product basket of PMBJP presently comprises about 1,800 medicines and 285 surgical devices covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anit-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc. and some AYUSH products. In addition, *Jan Aushadhi Suvidha* Sanitary Napkins @ Rs. 1/- per pad are also being made available under the scheme. The medicines under the scheme are cheaper at least by 50% and in some cases, by 80% to 90% of the market price of branded medicines.

The Government has fixed a target for opening 10,000 PMBJKs by March, 2024. In order to achieve the same, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the Implementing Agency of the scheme, has invited online applications from 651 different districts of the country. PMBI has set up a strong network of four warehouses and 36 distributors all over the country to ensure sufficient availability of medicines. PMBI spreads awareness about the scheme through advertisements in Print Media, Radio, TV, cinema, outdoor publicity as well as through social media. Further, *Jan Aushadhi Diwas* is celebrated every year on 7th March for further dissemination and spreading awareness about the scheme. As per estimates, about 10- 12 lakhs people buy medicines on an average daily basis from Jan Aushadhi Kendras all across the country. State/UT-wise and district-wise data has, however, not been exactly quantified.

Statement referred to in reply the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q.NO. 502 for answer on 25.07.2023 raised by Smt. Seema Dwivedi regarding Works undertaken by PMJAKs

| State/UT wise list of PMBJKs opened till 30.06.2023 | | |
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| Sl. No. | Name of the State/UT | Number of PMBJKs opened |
| 1 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 9 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 155 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 29 |
| 4 | Assam | 116 |
| 5 | Bihar | 400 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 11 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 209 |
| 8 | Delhi | 403 |
| 9 | Goa | 11 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 526 |
| 11 | Haryana | 261 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 61 |
| 13 | Jammu and Kashmir | 226 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 88 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 1084 |
| 16 | Kerala | 979 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 2 |
| 18 | Madhya Pradesh | 284 |
| 19 | Maharashtra | 650 |
| 20 | Manipur | 36 |
| 21 | Meghalaya | 18 |
| 22 | Mizoram | 12 |
| 23 | Nagaland | 20 |
| 24 | Odisha | 418 |
| 25 | Puducherry | 20 |
| 26 | Punjab | 319 |
| 27 | Rajasthan | 169 |
| 28 | Sikkim | 5 |
| 29 | Tamil Nadu | 910 |
| 30 | Telangana | 180 |
| 31 | The D & NH and DD | 35 |
| 32 | Tripura | 25 |
| 33 | Uttar Pradesh | 1349 |
| 34 | Uttarakhand | 225 |
| 35 | West Bengal | 267 |
| Total | | 9,512 |
