

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 506
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

Medicines at affordable rates through PMJAKs

506 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAKs) are being set up to provide medicines at affordable rates;
- (b) if so, the total number of PMJAKs established in the country, so far;
- (c) the total number of such Kendras established in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that medicines are made available at cheaper rates in PMJAKs as compared to general medicine centres, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): With an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all citizens, especially the poor and the deprived ones, *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) has been launched by the Government. Under the Scheme, till 30.06.2023, about 9,512 *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country, including 1,349 PMBJKs in the state of Uttar Pradesh, to provide these medicines at affordable prices.

(d): 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.
