

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

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th July, 2023

Features of Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Pariyojana

518 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

the salient features of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and the number of Janaushadhi Kendras in the country including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

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) was launched by the Government. The salient features of the scheme include:

- Prices of the *Jan Aushadhi* medicines are generally 50%-90% less than that of branded medicine's prices available in the open market.
- Incentive up to Rs. 5.00 lakh is given @ 15% of monthly purchases made by the Kendra owners, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month.
- One-time incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh is provided to the PMBJP Kendras opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories and areas mentioned as aspirational district by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneur, Divyang, SC & ST.
- Medicines are procured only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified manufacturers for ensuring the quality of the products.
- Each batch of drug is tested at laboratories accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL) for ensuring best quality.

Under the Scheme, dedicated outlets known as *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJKs) are opened to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices. Under the Scheme, till 30.06.2023, about 9,512 PMBJKs have been opened across the country including 1,349 PMBJKs in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
