

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 119
ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023

Permission to PACSs to open PMJAK

119 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACSs) have been allowed to open Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAKs) by Government;
- (b) if so, the number of PACSs that have been given permission to open PMJAKs under this scheme;
- (c) the time limit set for opening these PMJAKs; and
- (d) the total number of PACSs that have been identified for opening PMJAKs under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh, and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question no. 119 for reply on 13th December, 2023 regarding Permission to PACSs to open PMJAK asked by Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha.

Yes, Sir. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) have been allowed by the Government to operate Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. PACS functioning as PMBJKs will be able to provide generic medicines at affordable prices to rural citizens. Jan Aushadhi Kendras provide around 1,965 drugs and 293 surgical items at reasonable prices.

So far, 4,289 PACS/ cooperative societies have applied online for PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras, out of which 2,293 PACS have been given initial approval also. PACS that have received the initial approval are in the process of obtaining Drug License from the State Governments. Thereafter, store code will be issued to them by Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) for operationalization of Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

In the State of Uttar Pradesh, 887 PACS/ cooperative societies have applied online for PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras, out of which 443 PACS have been given initial approval and 93 PACS have obtained Drug License.
