

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1774  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**Generic medicines**

**1774 # Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) whether any special scheme is being run by Government to provide generic medicines at cheaper prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether distribution centers are being set up to ensure the availability of medicines at cheaper rates;
- (d) if so, the number of such distribution centers set up in the country so far; and
- (e) the details of distribution centers set up in Gujarat so far?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b): *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) was launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals during 2008 with an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all, especially for the poor. Under this scheme, dedicated outlets known as *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras* (PMBJK) are opened all over the country to provide generic medicines to the masses. Product basket of the scheme presently comprises 1,965 medicines & 293 surgical equipment. Prices of the Jan Aushadhi medicines are generally 50%-90% less than that of branded medicines' which are available in the open market. The Scheme is implemented by a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, viz., Pharma & Medical Bureau of India (PMBI).

(c) to (e): As on 30.11.2023, 10,006 Janaushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country, out of which 617 Kendras have been opened in the State of Gujarat. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country till 30.11.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure**.

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) to (e) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 1774 for answer on 19.12.2023 raised by Shri Narhari Amin regarding Generic medicines.

State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened as on 30.11.2023 across the country		
Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	PMBJKs Opened
1	Andaman & Nicobar	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	173
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29
4	Assam	120
5	Bihar	470
6	Chandigarh	11
7	Chhattisgarh	213
8	Delhi	411
9	Goa	12
10	Gujarat	617
11	Haryana	276
12	Himachal Pradesh	66
13	Jammu and Kashmir	234
14	Jharkhand	93
15	Karnataka	1119
16	Kerala	970
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep *	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	305
20	Maharashtra	655
21	Manipur	38
22	Meghalaya	18
23	Mizoram	12
24	Nagaland	20
25	Odisha	448
26	Puducherry	21
27	Punjab	335
28	Rajasthan	211
29	Sikkim	5
30	Tamil Nadu	861
31	Telangana	186
32	DNH & D&D	35
33	Tripura	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	1481
35	Uttarakhand	223
36	West Bengal	302
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,006</b>

\* Medicines are directly supplied to the administration of UT of Lakshadweep

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