

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1795  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**Cheap medicines under PMBJP**

**1795 Shri Pabitra Margherita:**

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

- (a) the number of people who have received cheap medicines under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);
- (b) the number of hospital beds available in Government hospitals in 2013 as compared to 2022; and
- (c) the recent initiatives taken by Government to improve the quality of Government hospitals and medical colleges in the Northeast?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): As per estimates, about 10- 12 lakh people on an average buy medicines daily from Jan Aushadhi Kendras all across the country. Further, during the financial year 2022-23, PMBI has sold Jan Aushadhi Medicines worth Rs. 1,236 Crore, which has led to savings of approximately Rs. 7,416 Cr. to the citizens.

(b): As per information published in National Health Profile (NHP) 2022, the total number of government hospitals are 60,621 with 8,49,206 beds.

As informed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in the year 2013, the number of hospital beds available in North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong was 509, which increased to 594 in 2022. Further, the number of beds in Regional Institute of Medical Science, Manipur was 1,032 in 2013, which increased to 1,180 in 2022.

(c): As informed by National Medical Council, 08 Govt. Medical Colleges with the capacity of 800 MBBS seats were established in North-Eastern States during last 05 years i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24. Further, 100 MBBS seats were increased in existing medical colleges (Govt./Pvt.) of North- Eastern States during last 05 years i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24.

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