

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 193  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana**

**193 Shri Rajeev Shukla:**

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

- (a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Centres functioning in the country, State-wise, including in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of steps being taken by Government to ensure that medicines are consistently available at these centres at reasonable prices, so that patients are not compelled to buy medicines at higher prices; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to enhance awareness regarding the efficacy of generic medicines and build confidence in the same?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), till 31.10.2023, 9998 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) have been opened across the country including 213 PMBJKs in Chhattisgarh. State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened across the country till 31.10.2023 is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(b): In order to ensure adequate availability of medicines at *Janaushadhi Kendras*, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the Implementing Agency of the Scheme has set up a strong network of four warehouses located at Gurugram, Bengaluru, Guwahati and Surat and 36 distributors across the country and has implemented an Information Technology (IT) enabled End-to-End supply chain system and SAP based inventory management system.

(c): In order to make quality generic drugs available to citizens of the country at affordable prices, the Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP) wherein about 9,998 Kendras have been opened all across the country till 31.10.2023. The quality of drugs dispensed at these Kendras is ensured by procuring medicines only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified suppliers and getting each batch of drug at the warehouses tested at laboratories accredited by ‘National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories’ (NABL) before their dispatch to Kendras. Citizens are made aware of the scheme through advertisements in Print Media, Radio, TV, cinema, outdoor publicity as well as through social media. Further, *Jan Aushadhi Diwas* is celebrated every year on 7<sup>th</sup> March for further dissemination and spreading awareness about generic medicines.

**Annexure**

**Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 193 for answer on 05.12.2023 raised by Shri Rajeev Shukla regarding Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana**

<b>State/UT-wise list of PMBJKs opened till 31.10.2023</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>No. of PMBJKs opened</b>
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	172
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29
4	Assam	119
5	Bihar	469
6	Chandigarh	11
7	Chhattisgarh	213
8	Delhi	411
9	Goa	11
10	Gujarat	617
11	Haryana	274
12	Himachal Pradesh	66
13	Jammu and Kashmir	234
14	Jharkhand	92
15	Karnataka	1119
16	Kerala	987
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshwadeep*	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	304
20	Maharashtra	655
21	Manipur	38
22	Meghalaya	18
23	Mizoram	12
24	Nagaland	20
25	Odisha	446
26	Puducherry	21
27	Punjab	334
28	Rajasthan	211
29	Sikkim	5
30	Tamil Nadu	859
31	Telangana	186
32	The Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	35
33	Tripura	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	1472
35	Uttarakhand	221
36	West Bengal	301
<b>Total</b>		<b>9998</b>

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

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