

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1611
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th December 2024

Janaushadhi Kendras in Bihar

1611 Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether Government has details about the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras established in the State of Bihar since the inception of the scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether any financial/special support is provided to applicants belonging to SC/ST community for setting up of Janaushadhi Kendra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government conducts regular quality checks/audits at such stores to ensure good quality medicines for the patients; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), a total of 14,320 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened till 30.11.2024 across the country, of which 747 JAKs have been opened in the State of Bihar. The district-wise number of JAKs opened in Bihar is enclosed in the **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): All JAK owners are eligible for an incentive @ 20% of monthly purchases made by them, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 20,000/- per month. In addition, a one-time incentive of Rs. 2.00 lakh is provided to the JAKs opened in North-Eastern States, Himalayan areas, Island territories, and areas mentioned as aspirational districts by NITI Aayog or opened by women entrepreneurs, ex-servicemen, Divyang, SC & ST in the form of support towards furniture, computers, refrigerators, and other fixtures.

(e) & (f): Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of the scheme, procures medicines only from World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP) certified suppliers to ensure quality of the products. Further, each batch of drug is tested at laboratories accredited by ‘National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)’ before their dispatch to JAKs. Marketing Officers of PMBI periodically inspect JAKs to ensure that good quality medicines are provided to the patients.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1611 for answer on 10.12.2024 raised by Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha regarding Janaushadhi Kendras in Bihar

District- wise number of JAKs opened in the State of Bihar since inception till 30.11.2024		
Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of JAKs opened
1	Araria	3
2	Aurangabad	14
3	Banka	3
4	Begusarai	38
5	Bhagalpur	11
6	Bhojpur	14
7	Buxar	9
8	Darbhanga	35
9	Gaya	25
10	Gopalganj	15
11	Jamui	7
12	Jehanabad	5
13	Kaimur (Bhabua)	7
14	Katihar	6
15	Khagaria	4
16	Kishanganj	1
17	Lakhisarai	3
18	Madhepura	7
19	Madhubani	43
20	Munger	7
21	Muzaffarpur	83
22	Nalanda	10
23	Nawada	12
24	Pashchim Champaran	21
25	Patna	105
26	Purbi Champaran	63
27	Purnia	4
28	Rohtas	15
29	Saharsa	11
30	Samastipur	31
31	Saran	16
32	Sheikhpura	4
33	Sheohar	11
34	Sitamarhi	28
35	Siwan	33
36	Supaul	11
37	Vaishali	30
38	Arwal	2
Total		747
