

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1621  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Tamil Nadu.**

**1621 Shri C. Ve. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras in every district of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action plan formulated to increase their number especially in rural areas, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the present status of such kendras set up in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (e) whether Government is planning to include more medicines in these kendras; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b): Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) are opened by inviting applications from individual entrepreneurs, NGOs, societies, trusts, firms, Private Companies, etc. While opening these Kendras, a 1 km distance is maintained between two Kendras. Online applications have been invited from all districts of the country through the website [www.janaushadhi.gov.in](http://www.janaushadhi.gov.in). So far, 776 districts out of 783 districts of the country have already been covered.

(c): To increase access to medicines in rural areas, the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI), the implementing agency of PMBJP has partnered with the Cooperative sector to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras through Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies(PACS). Till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024, more than 2690 PACS have been given initial approval and 687 Kendras have been opened in PACS. There is no State/UT-wise target for the opening of new JAKs.

(d): Till 30.11.2024, a total of 1300 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened in Tamil Nadu. The district-wise number of JAKs opened in Tamil Nadu is enclosed as **Annexure**.

(e) & (f): Under PMBJP 2047 types of medicines and 300 surgicals devices have been brought under the product basket covering all major therapeutic groups such as Cardiovascular, Anti-cancers, Anti-diabetics, Anti-infectives, Anti-allergic, Gastro-intestinal medicines, Nutraceuticals, etc. New medicines are added to the product basket of PMBJP regularly.

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 1621 for answer on 10.12.2024 raised by Shri C. Ve. Shanmugam regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Tamil Nadu

<b>District- wise number of JAKs opened in the State of Tamil Nadu till 30.11.2024</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>No. of JAKs opened</b>
1	Chennai	171
2	Coimbatore	92
3	Cuddalore	32
4	Dharmapuri	20
5	Dindigul	39
6	Erode	45
7	Kancheepuram	28
8	Kanniyakumari	56
9	Karur	19
10	Krishnagiri	18
11	Madurai	70
12	Nagapattinam	21
13	Namakkal	22
14	Perambalur	9
15	Pudukkottai	33
16	Ramanathapuram	14
17	Salem	52
18	Sivaganga	13
19	Thanjavur	57
20	The Nilgiris	10
21	Theni	28
22	Thiruvallur	54
23	Thiruvarur	26
24	Tiruchirappalli	71
25	Tirunelveli	34
26	Tiruvannamalai	21
27	Thoothukkudi	16
28	Vellore	38
29	Viluppuram	12
30	Virudhunagar	19
31	Ariyalur	10
32	Tiruppur	36
33	Kallakurichi	11
34	Chengalpattu	51
35	Ranipet	16
36	Tirupathur	6
37	Tenkasi	17
38	Mayiladuthurai	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>1300</b>

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