

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER 2024

Availability of medicine in Janaushadhi Kendras

2413 Shri Narayana Koragappa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) keeps a noble objective appreciated by the public and receiving continuous demand for more PM Janaushadhi Kendras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details on the availability of drug code DC-1500 with generic name Aflibercept Injection 40mg/ml Intra Vitreal Injection helping mostly super senior citizens and senior citizens for age related macular degeneration (AMD);
- (d) whether it is a fact that supply for DC-1500 was tendered vide ref. no. PMBI/DRUG/RC-204/2022 dated 29th September, 2022; and
- (e) if so, the details of stock availability of the injection in Janaushadhi Kendras?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) with an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all. Under this scheme, dedicated outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) are opened across the country to provide medicines at 50%-80% cheaper rates than branded medicines. A total of 14,320 JAKs have been opened across the country till 30.11.2024. 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.

It is estimated that on a daily basis 10-12 lakhs consumers buy medicines from more than 14300 Jan Aushadhi Kendras spread across the country. In the last 10 years, sales of medicines worth Rs. 6462.00 crore have been made through JAKs, which has led to estimated savings of Rs. 30,000 crore to the citizens as compared to the branded medicines.

The Government has decided to open 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) across the country by March 2027.

(c) to (e): Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) published tender for procuring Aflibercept 40 mg/ml Intra Vitreal Injection with drug code DC-1500 five times on Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal but did not get any bids from manufacturers. Hence, no procurement could be done and no stock is available.
