

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2416
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER 2024

Performance and availability of medicines and devices in PMBJKs

2416 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) currently operational and their year-wise growth over the last five years;
- (b) the total sales made by PMBJKs during this period vis-a-vis the overall pharmaceutical sales in the country;
- (c) whether Government is aware that many medicines and medical devices listed under the Jan Aushadhi scheme are unavailable at PMBJKs; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure availability and whether there is a proposal to enable delivery of medicines through courier services from these Kendras?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), a total of 14,320 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened across the country till 30.11.2024. Growth in JAKs opened in last five Financial Years is as follows: -

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Number of JAKs opened	
		Yearly Addition	Cumulative
1.	2019-20	1166	6306
2.	2020-21	1251	7557
3.	2021-22	1053	8610
4.	2022-23	694	9304
5.	2023-24	1957	11261
6.	2024-25 (Till 30.11.2024)	3059	14320

(b): During the last five Financial Years, sales of Rs. 4688.95 crore was made through JAKs. Year-wise sales through JAKs and overall turnover in Pharma Sector in the country are as under:-

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Sales at MRP (Rs. in Crore) through JAKs	Pharma Sector Turnover* (Rs. in crore)
1.	2019-20	433.61	2,89,998
2.	2020-21	665.83	3,28,054
3.	2021-22	893.56	3,44,125
4.	2022-23	1235.95	3,79,450
5.	2023-24	1470.00	4,17,345
Total		4688.95	17,58,972

*Source: Pharmatrac/NPPA/DGCIS, Kolkata

(c) & (d): Product basket of PMBJP comprises 2047 medicines & 300 surgicals, medical consumables and devices. The procurement of medicines is done through open tender process, which is demand based.

For smooth supply and products availability, an IT-enabled End-to-End Supply Chain system has been established. It comprises one central warehouse at Gurugram and four regional warehouses at Bengaluru, Guwahati, Chennai & Surat. Further, 36 distributors have been appointed across States/UTs to strengthen the supply chain system.

Overall availability of fast moving 400 products is regularly monitored to ensure availability of products. Further, minimum stocking mandate has been implemented covering top 100 selling medicines of PMBJP product basket and 100 fast selling medicines in the market. Incentives to Kendra owners on the monthly purchases made by them @ 20% upto Rs. 20,000/- per month is distributed on the basis of minimum stock of these 200 medicines maintained by the JAK.

There is no proposal to deliver medicines through courier services.
