

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2025

Status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras

2738 # Shri Sandeep Kumar Pathak:

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

- (a) the number of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country and the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of such kendras which are facing the problem of lack of availability of medicines and the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there are constant complaints about the quality of medicines being sold from such kendras;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure the quality of medicines being sold from these centres; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme, a total of 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened till 28.2.2025 across the country, the State- and Union-territory-wise numbers of which are at Annexure.

(b): Lack of availability of medicines to JAKs is not a systemic issue. For smooth supply and product availability at JAKs, an end-to-end IT-enabled supply chain system has been established. It comprises one central warehouse at Gurugram and four regional warehouses at Bengaluru, Guwahati, Chennai and Surat. Further, 36 distributors have been appointed across the country to strengthen the supply chain system. Availability of 400 fast-moving products is monitored regularly to ensure their availability. Further, a minimum stocking mandate has been implemented for 200 medicines consisting of the 100 top-selling medicines in the scheme product basket and 100 fast-selling medicines in the market. Under the stocking mandate, the Jan Aushadhi Kendra owners become eligible for claiming incentive based on stocks of the said 200 medicines maintained by them. Thus, supply of medicines to JAKs is ensured through the system of warehouses and distributors and monitoring system and incentives are in place to encourage JAKs to stock the products that are more in demand. JAKs being run on an entrepreneurship model, the actual stocking of products is done by entrepreneurs based on demand for the same.

(c): No, sir.

(d) and (e): To safeguard against complaints about the quality of medicines sold from JAKs, stringent measures as specified below are in place to ensure that the medicines supplied through Jan Aushadhi Kendras meet standards:

- (i) Medicines are procured only from suppliers certified for World Health Organization – Good Manufacturing Practices (WHO-GMP).
- (ii) Each batch of drugs supplied under the scheme is tested at laboratories accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and only after passing quality tests, medicines are dispatched to Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- (iii) Quality audit of the facilities of vendors is routinely done by the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India.

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2738 for answer on 25.3.2025, raised by Shri Sandeep Kumar Pathak, regarding Status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras

Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened till 28.2.2025

S. No.	State / Union Territory	JAKs opened
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	275
3	Arunachal Pradesh	34
4	Assam	170
5	Bihar	812
6	Chandigarh	11
7	Chhattisgarh	278
8	Delhi	492
9	Goa	15
10	Gujarat	760
11	Haryana	408
12	Himachal Pradesh	71
13	Jammu and Kashmir	318
14	Jharkhand	148
15	Karnataka	1,425
16	Kerala	1,528
17	Ladakh	2
18	Lakshadweep	1
19	Madhya Pradesh	545
20	Maharashtra	708
21	Manipur	54
22	Meghalaya	25
23	Mizoram	15
24	Nagaland	22
25	Odisha	682
26	Puducherry	33
27	Punjab	489
28	Rajasthan	486
29	Sikkim	11
30	Tamil Nadu	1,363
31	Telangana	199
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	39
33	Tripura	28
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,658
35	Uttarakhand	313
36	West Bengal	630
Total		15,057
