

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3376
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2025

Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

3376 # Smt. Darshana Singh:

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

- (a) the total number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened across the country along with Uttar Pradesh till February 2025;
- (b) the percentage by which the prices of medicines available at Jan Aushadhi Kendras are cheaper than the market;
- (c) the total sales figure at Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country till February 2025 in the financial year 2024-25; and
- (d) the plans to make the PMBJP more effective in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): As on 28.2.2025, the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme stood at 15,057, which included 2,658 JAKs opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh. State- and Union-territory-wise number of JAKs opened is at Annexure.

(b): The maximum retail prices (MRP) of medicines in the scheme's product basket are about 50% to 80% lower than those of leading branded medicines in the market.

(c): In the financial year 2024-25, till 28.2.2025, sales of medicines with MRP worth ₹1,767.18 crore have been made to distributors and JAKs.

(d): Plans for making the scheme more effective across the country include the following:

- (i) A target has been set to increase the number of JAKs opened across the country, including in the State of Uttar Pradesh, to 25,000 JAKs by March 2027. A franchisee-like model has been adopted for the opening of JAKs, under which applications are invited online, through the website www.janaushadhi.gov.in, from individual entrepreneurs, non-governmental organisations, societies, trusts, firms, private companies, etc. To facilitate establishment of JAKs in districts or regions where the current presence may be relatively lower, including in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the following steps have been taken:

- (1) In addition to the incentive of 20% of the monthly purchases made by JAK owners, subject to a monthly ceiling of ₹20,000 and meeting certain conditions

such as maintaining stock of specified medicines, for which all JAK owners are eligible, a one-time incentive of ₹2 lakh is provided to outlets opened in Aspirational Districts, which include the districts of Chitrakoot, Fatehpur, Bahraich, Shrawasti, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, Chandauli and Sonbhadra in the State of Uttar Pradesh, as support towards furniture, computers, refrigerators and other fixtures;

- (2) State Governments, including the Government of Uttar Pradesh, has been requested from time to time to provide rent-free space for opening JAKs in government hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres, and to create awareness about the scheme; and
 - (3) To increase the number of JAKs in rural areas, the cooperative sector has been partnered with for opening JAKs through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other cooperative societies. Till 28.2.2025, 203 JAKs have been opened in PACS and other cooperative societies in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- (ii) Expansion of the product basket under the scheme from the existing basket of 2,047 types of medicines and 300 surgicals, medical consumables and devices, to 2,100 medicines and 310 surgicals, medical consumables and devices by 31.3.2025 is targeted across the country, including for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Annexure referred to in the reply to part (a) of RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. No. 3376 for answer on 1.4.2025, raised by Smt. Darshana Singh, regarding Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

**JAKs opened across the country
(as on 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
