

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 827
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025

Jan Aushadhi Kendras through PACS

827 # Shri Aditya Prasad:

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

- (a) whether an initiative is being taken to open Jan Aushadhi Kendras through Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACS) to increase the accessibility of medicines in rural areas under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP);
- (b) if so, the details of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened across the country till date, Statewise; and
- (c) the number of people in rural and urban areas getting medicines at affordable rates through Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAK) opened in Jharkhand, the details thereof, districtwise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) and (b): To increase access in rural areas, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana has partnered with the Ministry of Cooperation for the opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other cooperative societies. 15,000 JAKs have been opened till 31.1.2025 across the country, of which 719 have been opened by PACS and other cooperative societies. The State- and Union-territory-wise numbers of JAKs opened across the country and those opened by PACS and other cooperative societies are at Annexure I.

(c): It is estimated that about 10 to 12 lakh consumers buy medicines daily from the 15,000 JAKs opened across the country, including a total of 148 JAKs that have been opened in the State of Jharkhand. The district-wise number of JAKs opened in the State of Jharkhand are at Annexure II.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. No. 827 for answer on 11.2.2025, raised by Shri Aditya Prasad, regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened through PACS

State and Union-territory-wise number of JAKs opened till 31.1.2025

S. No.	State / Union territory	Total number of JAKs opened	Number of JAKs opened by PACS and other cooperative societies
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	278	121
3	Arunachal Pradesh	34	5
4	Assam	170	10
5	Bihar	800	15
6	Chandigarh	11	0
7	Chhattisgarh	270	27
8	Delhi	492	0
9	Goa	15	1
10	Gujarat	757	13
11	Haryana	406	10
12	Himachal Pradesh	72	5
13	Jammu and Kashmir	317	46
14	Jharkhand	148	7
15	Karnataka	1,417	25
16	Kerala	1,525	2
17	Ladakh	2	0
18	Lakshadweep	1	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	542	62
20	Maharashtra	711	54
21	Manipur	56	4
22	Meghalaya	25	1
23	Mizoram	15	1
24	Nagaland	22	0
25	Odisha	682	4
26	Puducherry	33	1
27	Punjab	491	34
28	Rajasthan	481	30
29	Sikkim	12	1
30	Tamil Nadu	1,357	5
31	Telangana	199	2
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	39	1
33	Tripura	29	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,644	203
35	Uttarakhand	311	26
36	West Bengal	627	3
Total		15,000	719

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. No. 827 for answer on 11.2.2025, raised by Shri Aditya Prasad, regarding Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened through PACS

District-wise number of JAKs opened in the State of Jharkhand till 31.1.2025

S. No.	District	Number of JAKs opened
1	Bokaro	24
2	Chatra	1
3	Deoghar	14
4	Dhanbad	12
5	Dumka	4
6	East Singhbhum	11
7	Garhwa	2
8	Giridih	5
9	Godda	2
10	Gumla	3
11	Hazaribagh	7
12	Jamtara	3
13	Khunti	1
14	Koderma	4
15	Latehar	3
16	Lohardaga	1
17	Pakur	3
18	Palamu	6
19	Ramgarh	6
20	Ranchi	23
21	Sahebganj	2
22	Saraikela Kharsawan	6
23	Simdega	3
24	West Singhbhum	2
Total		148
