

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025

Generic medicine outlets in the country

2579 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) the number of wholesale and retail outlets of generic medicines running in the country;
- (b) the details of functional outlets, State/UT wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware that, in most of the outlet, all generic medicines are not available;
- (d) if so, the action taken to address the issue; and
- (e) whether Government would come forward to arrange for more number of wholesale and retail outlets in the country to meet the demand?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Government launched the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana scheme to make quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all. Under the scheme, dedicated outlets known as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) are opened across the country to provide medicines at rates that are about 50% to 80% cheaper than those of branded medicines. A total of 16,912 JAKs have been opened till 30.6.2025 across the country. State- and Union-territory-wise number of JAKs opened is at Annex.

(c) and (d): 2,110 medicines and 315 surgicals, medical consumables and devices are under the scheme product basket, covering all major therapeutic groups, such as cardiovascular, anti-cancers, anti-diabetic, anti-infectives, anti-allergic and gastro-intestinal medicines and nutraceuticals. Almost all generic medicines included in the National List of Essential Medicines, except lab reagents and vaccines, are included in the scheme product basket.

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. Moreover, availability of 400 fast-moving products is monitored regularly. In addition, 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. JAKs being run on an entrepreneurship model, the actual stocking of products is done by entrepreneurs based on demand for the same.

(e): To meet the demand of the country, Government has decided to increase the number of JAKs opened to 25,000 by 31.3.2027.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 2579 for answer on 12.8.2025, raised by Shri S. Selvaganabathy, regarding Generic medicine outlets in the country

State- and Union-territory-wise number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras opened till 30.6.2025

S. No.	State / Union territory	Total number of JAKs opened till 30.6.2025
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9
2	Andhra Pradesh	281
3	Arunachal Pradesh	35
4	Assam	179
5	Bihar	900
6	Chandigarh	14
7	Chhattisgarh	316
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	40
9	Delhi	552
10	Goa	22
11	Gujarat	812
12	Haryana	465
13	Himachal Pradesh	75
14	Jammu and Kashmir	335
15	Jharkhand	163
16	Karnataka	1,480
17	Kerala	1,629
18	Ladakh	2
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	592
21	Maharashtra	723
22	Manipur	61
23	Meghalaya	26
24	Mizoram	15
25	Nagaland	22
26	Odisha	753
27	Puducherry	33
28	Punjab	520
29	Rajasthan	545
30	Sikkim	12
31	Tamil Nadu	1,432
32	Telangana	203
33	Tripura	31
34	Uttar Pradesh	3,550
35	Uttarakhand	331
36	West Bengal	753
Total		16,912
