

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 982
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2025

Strengthening Jan Aushadhi Kendras

982 Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

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

- (a) the total number of functional Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether all essential medicines and health products are regularly available at these outlets;
- (c) the measures taken to ensure timely supply and affordability; and
- (d) whether Government plans to expand the Jan Aushadhi network to every block and tehsil to reduce out-of-pocket health expenses?

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 16,912 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened till 30.6.2025. State- and Union-territory-wise number of JAKs opened is at Annexure.

(b) and (c): 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, comprising a central warehouse, four regional warehouses and 39 distributors appointed across the country. 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 JAK owners become eligible for claiming incentive based on stocks of the said 200 medicines maintained by them.

(d): Government has launched the scheme to make quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all. As a result of the scheme, in the last 11 years, estimated savings of about ₹38,000 crore have accrued to citizens in comparison to the prices of branded medicines,

contributing significantly to the sharp reduction in out-of-pocket expenditure by households from 62.6% of total health expenditure in financial year (FY) 2014-15 to 39.4% in FY2021-22 as per the National Health Accounts Estimates. With a view to further expand reach to Janaushadhi medicine and thereby reduce out-of-pocket expenditure, the Government has set a target to open 25,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras by March 2027. In opening of JAKs, the Government has adopted a franchisee-like model, in which online applications from individual entrepreneurs, non-governmental organisations, societies, trusts, firms, private companies, etc. are invited online through the website of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (www.janaushadhi.gov.in) from across the country, including in various blocks and tehsils.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 982 for answer on 29.7.2025

State- and Union-territory-wise number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) opened

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
