

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2361
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PRADHAN MANTRI JANAUSHADHI KENDRA AT RAILWAY STATIONS

2361 # SHRI AMAR PAL MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the health, welfare, and availability of affordable medicines and consumer goods for rail passengers and the general public visiting railway stations;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any initiative to expand the Pradhan Mantari Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) scheme to reach a larger number of passengers and the general public;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details of the PMBJKs;
- (d) whether any minimum reserve price has been fixed for the allocation of contracts for PMBJKs; and
- (e) whether any license fee is charged for the operation of these Kendras?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): The need and extent of providing medical facilities at railway stations and in trains was examined by Hon'ble Supreme Court. In compliance of the orders, a committee of experts was constituted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. As recommended by Committee of experts, instructions have been issued to provide a Medical Box containing life saving medicines, equipments, oxygen cylinder etc. at all Railway stations and passenger carrying trains.

Over the Counter (OTC) medicines and non-pharmacy items like dry/spray milk powder, etc, are available to passengers through Multi Purpose Stalls (MPS) at railway stations.

Further instruction has also been issued to establish Pradhan Mantari Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) in circulating areas and concourses of railway stations for enhancing wellness and welfare of passengers. At present 117 PMBJKs are operational all over Indian Railways. Reserve price for establishing PMBJKs is nil. Only security deposit is required for establishing the same.

The license to operate PMBJK is awarded through e-auction, and the price quoted by the highest bidder is charged as the license fee for operation of PMBJK.
