

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05 AUGUST, 2026

‘EXPANSION OF PMBJK THROUGH PACS’

1932 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of medicines sold, year-wise, by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) functioning as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) during the last three years;
- (b) the year-wise increase in the number of PACS operating as PMBJKs;
- (c) whether Government has decided to prioritize PACS-based Janaushadhi Kendras in aspirational districts and remote rural areas;
- (d) the average additional annual income being earned by such PACS; and
- (e) whether special facilities are being provided for women and senior citizens at these centres?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION

(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) The year-wise quantum of medicines sold through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) functioning as Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) during the last three financial year is shown in Annexure – A.

(b) The year-wise increase in the number of PACS operating as PMBJKs is shown in Annexure – B.

(c) to (e) Yes. To prioritize PACS based Janaushadhi Kendras in aspirational districts and remote rural areas, North-Eastern States, Himalayan Regions and island territories, **One-Time Special Grant of ₹2.00 lakh** as reimbursement for IT infrastructure (computers, printers, internet at ₹0.50 lakh) and furniture/fixtures (₹1.50 lakh) is provided. The ₹2.00 lakh grant also applies to entrepreneurs who are women, SC/ST, Divyangjan, or ex-

servicemen. Janaushadhi Kendras owners receive normal incentives of **20% of monthly purchases** (up to a ceiling of ₹20,000 per month) tied to a stocking mandate of 200 high-demand medicines. PACS operating Jan Aushadhi Kendras are eligible for the same benefits as other Jan Aushadhi Kendras under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP). These include a **30% trade margin on the Maximum Retail Price (MRP)** and incentives on the purchase of medicines and fulfilment of stocking requirements, as per the extant PMBJP guidelines. Such PACS can earn as average income more than Rs.35,000/- annually. Also, special facilities are being given to women, by providing **Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Sanitary Napkins (for menstrual hygiene)** at **₹1 per pad** through Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Annexure – A

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Sales at MRP Value (Rs. in crore)
1.	2023-24	1.44
2.	2024-25	6.75
3.	2025-26	9.94

Annexure – B

Sl. No.	Financial Year	No. of JAKs opened	JAKs opened cumulatively
1.	2023-24	454	454
2.	2024-25	276	730
3.	2025-26	106	836