

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2018**

Jan Aushadhi Yojana

1645. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to make generic medicines available at affordable prices under the Prime Minister's Jan Aushadhi Yojana;
- (b) whether any regulation has been imposed on the manufacturers to ensure that the medicines are of good quality; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS;
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) The following steps have been taken for making quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all under 'Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana' (PMBJP):
 - (i) As on 27.02.2018, 3,195 PMBJP Kendras are functional in 33 States / Union Territories of the country.
 - (ii) The product basket of the scheme has been expanded to cover more than 700 medicines and 154 surgicals & consumables covering all major therapeutic groups such as Anti-infectives, Anti-diabetics, Cardiovasculars, Anti-cancers, Gastro-intestinal medicines, etc.
 - (iii) For smooth supply of medicines, surgicals and consumables to PMBJP Kendras through Central Ware House (CWH) of Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) (the implementing agency of PMBJP), 8 Carrying & Forwarding

(C&F) Agents and 53 Distributors have been appointed in different parts of the country.

(iv) An end-to-end supply chain system has also been introduced in the scheme through which a professional agency has been appointed for providing medicines, surgicals and consumables from CWH to PMBJP Kendras directly to save time and cost in the supply of the products under the scheme.

(b) & (c) To provide quality generic medicines through PMBJP Kendras to the public is the main objective of PMBJP. Strict Quality Control is being maintained. BPPI is procuring medicines from more than 150 private drug manufacturers (WHO-GMP Compliant) for ensuring quality of the products under the scheme. Apart from this, each batch of drugs is tested at one of BPPI's ten empanelled laboratories accredited by 'National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories' (NABL). Only after passing the quality tests, the medicines are dispatched to PMBJP Kendras.
